

DECLARATION OF GLAUZ DIEGO

I, Glauz Diego, hereby declare:

1. I am a junior at Fremont High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. If called to testify, I could and would do so competently as follows:

2. My school is overcrowded. When I was in the tenth grade, nobody had a sixth period class because there were too many students and not enough classes. Last year, it took me three days to get a sixth period class. I was lucky to get a class at all. I first tried to get into woodshop but it was too crowded. Next I tried chemistry but it was too crowded also. I ended up with soccer as my sixth period class. It's easy to get a sport because the field is big so there is no limit to the number of students that can get into a class.

3. My school is so crowded I could not get into the AP history or AP chemistry courses that I wanted to take. It seems that whoever gets to the counselor first gets the class.

4. We also have so many students at my school that we ran out of classroom space. We had to borrow bungalows from a school in the valley just so we will have enough space for all the students.

5. We don't have enough books at my school. I don't have a class set of books for one of my classes. The books that I do have, I have to take back and forth to school everyday. I have one friend who does not have a book at all for his chemistry class.

6. My computer class has only seven computers for thirty students because the others were stolen. We don't even use the seven computers that we have because my teacher said if we all cannot use computers then none of us can use the computers. Instead of doing computer work, we sit there and talk about what we would be doing if we had computers. I tried to get out of this class because I don't feel that it is right that we're not doing any work, but my school is so crowded that I can't get into another class.

7. In the first semester of my tenth grade year, I did not have a permanent history teacher. We had five different substitute teachers before we got a long-term substitute teacher in the second month of class. The teacher wasn't successful in teaching us history because he was an English teacher. We only learned history for two days during the week. The rest of the time we

1 played cards.

2 8. Fremont High School is a multi-track, year round school. This means that students
3 start and finish school at different times of the year. I am on C track which means I attend school
4 in the summer. I go to school for four months and then I have two months off. I don't think the
5 multi-track system is good because the teachers have to rush through everything to give us the
6 information because we only have a little time to learn everything.

7 9. The students at my school have been frustrated because we had no principal. We had
8 three principals in two years. We finally staged a walk-out last year because we wanted to get a
9 principal so that we could have some order and improvements at our school. We felt that since there
10 was no principal there would not be any students either.

11 10. The magnet program has block scheduling. This means that I don't have all of my
12 classes every day. For example, on Monday I have my first, third, fifth and sixth periods, and then
13 on Tuesday I'll have my first, second, fifth and sixth period classes. Each class is two hours long
14 and we get too much work in the two hours because we are rushing. I feel that because of this
15 system, I am only prepared to attend a community college but not a university.

16 11. The classrooms in my school are in very poor condition. The ceiling tiles are rusted
17 from the rain and fall down. I heard that someone got in the head with a fallen tile. Also, the paint
18 on the walls is crusted and falling off.

19 12. The bathrooms at my school are in bad shape. The stalls do not have doors, it smells
20 bad in there, and there are no paper towels and no soap. The mirrors are broken and tagged, and
21 some of the toilets do not flush. There is often no toilet paper in the bathrooms. I would guess that
22 they only clean the bathrooms once a week. The bathrooms are closed during class hours so if I do
23 use them, I go during lunch and nutrition but even then it so crowded that I sometimes can't use the
24 bathroom.

25 13. Last year they opened a new clean bathroom for a month but it was closed because
26 the school officials were scared that it would get tagged. I don't think it's right that we can't use the
27 new bathroom. I think the students would be grateful to have a clean bathroom and would not tag
28 it or mess it up. The other bathrooms are in the bad condition they were dirty to begin with and so

1 the students don't care.

2 14. I don't have a locker to keep my belongings in, and I haven't had one since last year.
3 Last year, someone stole a teacher's edition book and so the teachers said nobody could have a
4 locker. This year, I was assigned a locker but it didn't have a door on it so I couldn't use it. It hasn't
5 been repaired, and there were no more lockers because of the overcrowding. Lockers are given on
6 a first come, first served basis.

7 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
8 is true and correct. Executed this 9 day of August 2000 at Los Angeles, California.

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