

**DECLARATION OF TIFFANY GIN**

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I, TIFFANY GIN, hereby declare:

1. I am one of the plaintiffs in this action and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

2. I am 16 years old and a junior at Mark Keppel High School in Monterey Park, California. I make this declaration to describe the effects of overcrowding and deteriorated facilities at my school.

3. We only have one lab room for all the science classes at school. The teachers have to reserve the room in advance so we can use it, so we can only get into the lab room on certain days because on other days other classes are using the room. We don't do enough labs in each of the science classes because we can't all get into the lab room. We need more hands-on experience instead of having our teacher show us experiments in front of the class.

4. We have to pay a \$5 lab fee for science classes.

5. We don't have enough books for all the students in some of my classes. In English, we have to wait for other classes to finish reading a book before we can start the book because there aren't enough books to go around to all the classes. We read short stories in our class while we wait for the next book in our syllabus. And in my home economics class, we can't take books home for homework because we only have one class set for three classes to share.

6. The school doesn't have enough bathrooms for all the students, so we have humongous lines outside the bathrooms while we wait to get in. At least the girls' bathroom has doors on the stalls, though—the boys' bathroom in the main building doesn't have any doors on any of the stalls. There are 15 stalls for the girl's locker room bathrooms. Some of the stalls do not close and many toilets are out of order.

7. We don't have enough space for everybody to sit during lunch. We used to be able to sit on the front lawn to eat lunch, but now the lawn is closed for safety reasons. There was a shooting in Monterey Park last fall, so the school decided to close the front lawn. But there isn't enough room for everybody to eat lunch on the lunch court. People stand around because there is no place to sit.

1 8. The ceiling in the small gym and the big gym at school is falling in. There are big  
2 holes in the ceiling where tiles have fallen out. And when it rains, the small gym ceiling leaks. Both  
3 gyms are hot and stuffy.

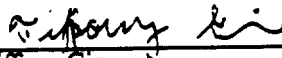
4 9. The plumbing is so old the water runs brown.

5 10. The desks are old and some have holes on the top. Some chairs are bent and rock  
6 back and forth.

7 11. Injuries, such as sprained ankles from running on hidden sprinkler heads, have  
8 occurred to athletes as a result of poor maintenance of the track grounds.

9 12. The temperature of the class rooms is either too hot or too cold.

10 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing  
11 is true and correct. Executed on May 10, 2000 at Monterey Park, California.

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