

DECLARATION OF PEDRO MONJE ROBLES

I, PEDRO MONJE ROBLES, hereby declare:

1. I am the parent of Eric Monje Ruiz, Kristal Monje Ruiz, and Myra Monje Ruiz, who are a plaintiffs in this action. I make this declaration based upon my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I have three school-age children who attend or have attended the Cesar Chavez Academy school in the Ravenswood School District. My oldest, Eric Monje Ruiz, just completed the eighth grade at Cesar Chavez. My daughter Kristal Monje Ruiz just completed seventh grade at Cesar Chavez. My youngest daughter, Myra Monje Ruiz, just finished the second grade at Cesar Chavez.

3. I am very concerned about my children's progress in school. Last year, I decided to get involved in the school to find out more about the education of my children. I believe that getting involved with the school is an important part of being a parent and a good community member. I began attending parent meetings and general meetings frequently.

4. Cesar Chavez also does not seem to have teachers that stay at the school very long. Cesar Chavez should be able to attract teachers that are as good as teachers at any other school. Cesar Chavez should also have an environment that will make them want to stay on as teachers at the school. Right now, Cesar Chavez has many teachers with little training and education about teaching; Cesar Chavez has more teachers who lack training than other schools do.

5. In around December or January this past school year, I began taking English classes at Cesar Chavez. I was surprised at the poor condition of the school. There is graffiti on the walls, broken lights and broken windows. I asked the man teaching our class why the graffiti is not removed, and he told me there was nothing he could do about it. Allowing graffiti to stay on the school walls sets a very poor example for our children. The kids will think it is okay to write on the walls and that the messages written are acceptable.

6. Another concern of mine is that the lights in the classrooms don't work the way they should. I know the lights don't work because I observed broken lights when I attended an open house in the evening. Lights are indispensable for learning and safety. Without sufficient lighting, the

1 children cannot read and write well. It is bad for their eyes. If there are not lights in the hallways,
2 students can fall and hurt themselves.

3 7. While at the school I have also seen that some classroom windows are broken. Broken
4 windows present a danger to the children.

5 8. The school needs to have better security to make sure people don't enter at night. Right
6 now the school has a weak, chain link fence that is easily broken. The fence has holes in it now.
7 There is also no working lock on the gate just outside the school entrance. On one side of the school,
8 near the playgrounds and fields, the only thing that secures the school is one strand of a metal chain
9 that hangs from two fences.

10 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
11 true and correct. Executed by me this ____ day of August, 2000 at East Palo Alto, California.

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I, Christina L. Checél am an associate with Morrison & Foerster LLP. I read, write and speak Spanish fluently. I translated the declaration of Pedro Monje Robles, and the English version is an accurate translation of the Spanish version.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 24th day of August, 2001, in Los Angeles, California.

