Declaration of David Hinojos

- I, David Hinojos, hereby declare:
- 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:
- 2. I attended Hosler Middle School in Lynwood during my seventh and eighth grade school years ending in June 2001. [redacted]
- 3. I did not have a teacher for my entire seventh grade school year, which is really messed up. I just walked around the school during the day, or I sat in the classroom and did nothing, because I didn't have a substitute teacher or any adult in front of my classroom for about 90% of the school days. There were about 10 to 15 other students in my class, and they also had nothing to do. It just makes me so sad and upset that the administrators did not find a teacher for us. I feel like the administrators did not think we were very important, and so they didn't try very hard to find us a teacher.
- 4. I did not have a teacher during my eighth grade year until March. So for the first three or four weeks of school I just wandered around the campus. One day Mr. Hasker, another [redacted] teacher, saw me walking around outside, and he asked me what I was doing. I told him I did not have a teacher. He said that I could come to his class, and so even though he already had a class to teach I would come to his class and stay with him during the day. He taught me a little bit of math and some reading and writing. I don't know what happened to the other students during that time.
- 5. I did not have any books in seventh grade, because I did not have a teacher. The teacher whose class I was allowed to come to when I did not have a teacher during my eighth grade year, Mr. Hasker, did not have any books for us, because the school did not give him any. Mr. Hasker made worksheets for me to learn with instead. Mr. Hurt, the teacher who arrived to teach my class in March of my eighth grade year, did not have any books for us either. We just did worksheets every day in that class. It made me so sad, because I really wasn't learning anything. I am very upset that I did not receive a good education, and I feel like the school did not care about what happened to me during my time at Hosler.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3 day of July, 2001 in Lynwood. California.

David Hinojos