

1 Declaration of Marcos Leon

2 I, Marcos Leon, hereby declare:

3 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to
4 testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

5 2. I am in the tenth grade at Fremont High School in Los Angeles. Fremont is a
6 multitrack, year-round school. I'm on the A track. My brother is a senior at Fremont and he's on
7 the B track. Because we're on different tracks, we never have the same vacations, except at
8 Christmas. One problem with multitracking is that the different tracks have different classes. If
9 a class is not offered on your track, you can't take it. My brother wanted to take some AP classes
10 this year, but the AP classes he wanted weren't on the B track, so he couldn't take them. I
11 wanted to do the magnet program, but it's only on the C track, so I couldn't take it. I wish the
12 magnet program was offered on all the tracks, so that I could take it too. The teachers are better
13 in the magnet program, and they pay more attention to you.

14 3. Overcrowding is a problem at Fremont. There have been times when I couldn't
15 get the classes I wanted, because they were overcrowded. In the ninth grade, I did not get to take
16 an English class my first semester. The school chooses the students' schedules, and mine didn't
17 have English on it. When I asked the counselor about it, the counselor said it was because the
18 English classes were already too full. This year, I couldn't get into a PE class second semester,
19 because it was too full. The counselors put me in football instead. But I wasn't supposed to be
20 in football, because football is a year-long class, and I had taken regular PE for the first semester.
21 So at the beginning of the class, my grade in football was an F. The coach told me that I
22 shouldn't be taking football. I went and complained to the counselor, but the counselor said that
23 I had to take it, because the PE classes were too full. So finally the coach said that I could just go
24 and work out with the team, and I could make up my grade that way.

25 4. In my English class this year, the teacher does not have enough books for the
26 whole class. So there are always about two or three students who have to share a book. We have
27 to leave the books in the class for the next period to use, so we can't take them home for
28 homework. Usually for homework, we have to write a plot summary of what we read about in

1 class. If you can't remember something, you don't have a book to check, so you have to do it the
2 next day, real quick, before she collects the homework.

3 5. In the ninth grade, I had an educational career planning class, and we didn't ever
4 have a real teacher for the whole semester. We got a new substitute every two weeks. The first
5 two weeks, the substitute had us do some career planning stuff. After that, our substitutes just
6 told us to read the newspaper and stuff. We did things you're not even supposed to do in class,
7 like watching movies. Educational career planning is a one-semester class, and during the
8 second semester you have a different class. We didn't have a teacher for the second semester,
9 either - we just had a lot of different substitutes. I don't even remember what class it was,
10 because we didn't learn anything. So for the whole year we just watched movies and read the
11 newspaper.

12 6. The bathrooms are way too crowded. They have three boys' bathrooms right now,
13 and they each have five or six stalls. But usually one of the bathrooms is locked. There are
14 about four thousand students at Fremont High, so that's not enough bathrooms. If you want to go
15 to the bathroom you have to wait in line for a long time.

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17 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
18 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 21 day of June, 2001 in Los
19 Angeles, California.

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