

1 **Declaration of Irma Radillo**

2 I, Irma Radillo, 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 fifteen years old and in the tenth grade at Belmont High School located in  
6 Los Angeles, California.

7 3. My school is so overcrowded that we are on a multitrack, year-round schedule.  
8 The multitracking system eases the overcrowding at Belmont High School but even with this  
9 system in place it is still crowded in the classrooms and the hallways. Usually we are in school  
10 for four months and then off for two months in the middle of a semester and that affects my  
11 ability to remember the things I learned while in school.

12 4. Belmont High School is overcrowded and as a result many of my classes are  
13 extremely overcrowded. At the beginning of the current school semester, in my AP European  
14 History, second period class, the class started with approximately fifty-five students. There were  
15 students who had to stand in class for about two weeks because there were not enough desks or  
16 chairs in the classroom. The teacher even went as far as asking students if they wanted to take  
17 another class. Currently there are approximately 49 students in my AP European History class,  
18 so the class is still overcrowded. In my math class, fourth period, at the beginning of the current  
19 semester about five students had to stand in class for about two weeks because the classroom was  
20 overcrowded. There are currently about forty-five to fifty students in my math class but we  
21 finally do have enough seats. In my English class, sixth period, at the beginning of the current  
22 semester, we had about forty students and there were only twenty desks and chairs for the  
23 students. For about a week, about twenty students had to stand in class because there were no  
24 chairs or desks. By the next week several students had gotten chairs but we still hadn't gotten  
25 any more desks. It took the school about two weeks to finally get desks for each student in the  
26 class. The class still has about forty students, so it is still overcrowded. The lunch lines are  
27 always long, and sometimes because I have had to wait in line so long, I have to rush to eat my  
28 food because I don't have enough time to eat. During lunch breaks and in between classes, the

1 lines to use the restrooms are long. On several occasions, I have been late to class because I have  
2 been waiting in line to use the restroom.

3 5. The restrooms at Belmont are dirty and smell really bad. Sometimes I have to  
4 pass by the restrooms to get to one of my classes, and when passing by the restroom, when  
5 someone opens the door it gives off a bad, stinky odor. I hate using the restrooms at Belmont.  
6 The restrooms often do not have toilet paper, paper towels, and soap. There are three restrooms  
7 for girls and in each restroom there are four toilets and sinks. Usually only two sinks in each  
8 restroom work; the other two do not. The toilets often get clogged. The mirrors and walls have  
9 graffiti written all over them. There is always trash thrown on the floor because the trash cans  
10 get full right away. There is only one trash can per restroom.

11 6. In my ROTC class, first period, there is no air conditioning in the building at all.  
12 There are no windows built into the ROTC building so there is no ventilation. The other students  
13 often complain that it is too hot in the building and sometimes we sweat because it is so hot. It  
14 feels stuffy inside the building, and the heat makes me feel tired. Just because the building is  
15 separated from the main building doesn't mean we don't need air conditioning.

16 7. Last semester, in some of my classes, the heating usually did not work right at  
17 least two to three times a week. It would get cold in my classes, and I would have to wear my  
18 jacket. The cold would make it difficult for me to concentrate.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
20 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3 day of

21 JULY, 2001 in Los Angeles, California.

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