

1 **Declaration of Erika Montaña**

2 I, Erika Montaña, 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 sixteen years old and in the eleventh grade on "B" track at Belmont High
6 School located in Los Angeles, California. I just started my second year at Belmont For my
7 ninth grade year, I went to Hollywood High School.

8 3. In my world history class, first period, we do not have enough books in class for
9 each student. We have a class set of books to use in class but there are not enough books in the
10 set for each student so we have to share the books with other students in class. We also have a
11 book that we can use at home but the teacher does not want us to take it to school.

12 4. The restrooms at Belmont are usually dirty and smell bad. There are two girls'
13 restrooms per floor but during classes, at least one girls' restroom per floor is kept locked. It is an
14 inconvenience sometimes because then I have to go to the next floor to use the restroom. Most
15 of the girls' restrooms have sinks that do not work. There are three sinks per restroom on every
16 floor and on the first floor there are two sinks that do not work and on the fourth floor there is
17 one sink that does not work. In each girls' restroom on every floor the mirrors are cracked,
18 except I don't know if the mirrors are cracked in the fourth floor restrooms. I often don't like to
19 use the restrooms because they are dirty. So instead I wait till I get home to use the restroom.

20 5. The hallways are overcrowded. I have to push my way through the crowd of
21 students to get to my classes. In between classes and during breaks the lines to use the restroom
22 are very long. So often I do not use the restroom. Since the beginning of the current semester,
23 my English class, first period, has been overcrowded with students. There are approximately 36
24 students in my math class and for a week about five students had to stand in class. Students have
25 since checked out of the class so there are no longer students standing in class. Last year when I
26 was in the tenth grade, at the beginning of the school semester, in my math class, fifth period.
27 there were approximately 32 students and about 5 students had to stand in class for the first three
28 days until the teacher was able to get extra chairs and desks for the students to seat.

