

## DECLARATION OF CYNTHIA LEMUS

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2 I, Cynthia Lemus, 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 as follows:

5 2. I am a freshman at Huntington Park High School. I went to Gage Middle School  
6 for three years, ending with the 2000-2001 school year. I am a student on track C.

7 3. All of the books at Gage were in very poor condition. The books were very old  
8 My history book was so old that it did not have anything about President Clinton in it. Most of  
9 my classes just had a class set of books, which we could not take out of the classroom. I had six  
10 classes and could take books home from only two of those classes. Instead of assigning  
11 homework out of textbooks, my teachers would give us worksheets for homework. Sometimes  
12 it was hard to do the assignments without having use of the textbooks.

13 4. The bathrooms at Gage were really dirty. The floors had a mixture of water and  
14 dirt on them. Some of the bathrooms wouldn't have toilet paper in them, and they never had  
15 any soap. I did not even want to use the restrooms because they were so disgusting.


16 5. The downstairs bathrooms were usually locked during classes. Our teachers  
17 would not let us go upstairs to use the bathroom there. As a result, my classmates and I would  
18 have to wait until the bell rang before we could use the restroom. All of the bathrooms were  
19 crowded, especially the one by the cafeteria. The lines to the bathroom were so long that  
20 sometimes I wouldn't have time to use the bathroom before the bell rang.

21 6. During the summer, the air conditioning did not work well at Gage Middle  
22 School and our teachers would have to open the windows so that we could get some air. My  
23 track, track C, was on track during summer months, and we were hot in our classrooms during  
24 those months. But, in the winter, the air conditioning actually worked and was on, even though  
25 it was cold outside. Sometimes it would be freezing cold and I would get all numb.

26 7. We had to buy all of our school supplies ourselves at Gage Middle School. In  
27 my seventh grade science class, we had to do an experiment where we had to buy all of the  
28 materials for the experiment ourselves, and it was due the next week. If a student couldn't

1 afford the supplies, his or her parents would have to write a letter to the teacher. Then the  
2 student would get an extra week to do the experiment, but he or she still had to buy the supplies  
3 and do the assignment, or else fail that assignment.

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5 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
6 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 30 day of August in Los Angeles,  
7 California.

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