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I, Louis Pelaez, hereby declare:

testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

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2. I just recently finished the eighth grade at Hosler Middle School in Lynwood in June of 2001. I attended Hosler Middle School for my sixth, seventh, and eighth grade years from 1998-2001.

- 3. In my English class in eighth grade during the 2000-2001 school year there were not enough books in my class, and so the students had to share two students to a book. Also these books were really old, many of the pages were missing or ripped out, and there was graffiti everywhere. In seventh grade during the 1999-2000 school year, there weren't not enough English books in our class, so we were not allowed to take them home with us to study or do homework. In my social studies class we only had a class set of books, and so I and the other students in the class were not allowed to take our social studies books home with us. In sixth grade during the 1998-1999 school year we had no science books or social studies books in our class for the entire year. We had English books but we were not allowed to bring them home because there were not enough books. We had math books, but sometimes there weren't enough for all the students, and so we had to share two students to a book. Also, we could not bring any of our books home with us from any class to study or do our homework because there just were not enough books for the whole class. When I don't have a social studies or a science book I don't know what level, chapter, or section I am supposed to be working on. It is very difficult to learn without the right materials for the subject. I don't think I learned anything about science or social studies during my sixth grade year because we just did not have the necessary materials. I also do not think it is fair that we are not allowed to bring our books home with us to study or to do our homework.
- 4. The drinking fountains at Hosler are really disgusting, rusty, and dirty. I did not drink out of the water fountains at Hosler during my three years at the school because they were so gross. Also a few of the drinking fountains are completely broken and so no water comes out

of them.

- 5. There is no library at Hosler. There are some old books in our gym but I don't know what they are really for. I really wish that we had a library where we could check out books. I am a good student. It makes me upset that during my three years at Hosler there was not a place at school where I could go to check out books to read. It makes me upset that we did not have a library at my school.
- 6. The bathrooms at Hosler are really gross, and we don't have enough of them. I would say there are about 1,500 children at the school and we have a total of two bathrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls, that are actually open for the students to use during the school day. It would get really crowded and dirty in the bathrooms because so many people had to use them at once. Sometimes I had to wait in line to use the bathroom.
- 7. Many of the classrooms that I was in during my three years at Hosler did not have air conditioning, and so during September, October, April, May, and June it was often very hot in our classrooms. When it was hot, I got sweaty and I was very uncomfortable. It was much harder for me to concentrate in class when it was hot inside my classroom. My teacher would open up all of the windows and tell us to bring in water to drink on the school days when it was hot. There needs to be air conditioning so that the students aren't so hot, uncomfortable, and restless in class. It really affects my ability to learn when I am hot in my classroom.
- 8. I did not have computers in any of my classes during my time at Hosler Middle School. There is a sixth grade computer lab but it was locked up most of the time, and so the students really weren't allowed to use it. The seventh and eighth grade students do no have a computer lab to use. I really wish that the administrators had provided us with computers for our classrooms so that we could have typed our papers and so that we would have been able to learn how to use the computers because I know that understanding how to use a computer is a very important skill in this country.

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 23 day of July, 2001 in Lynwood, California.

Louis Pelaez