

1    DECLARATION OF MARIA MUNOZ

2            I, MARIA MUNOZ, hereby declare:

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

5            2.        I am in eleventh grade and attend Huntington Park High School.

6            3.        The front of my U.S. History book is all scratched, there's writing all over the book,  
7 and pages are torn out. My English textbook also is written all over.

8            4.        During intersession, there sometimes there aren't enough books for students to take  
9 home. During intersession in the Fall of 1999, I couldn't take home my English book. We would  
10 use class time to read our books, then the teacher would write problems on the board that we would  
11 copy for homework. English class was harder without a book I could take home because I couldn't  
12 look anything up at home to answer the questions.

13          5.        I never had a permanent teacher for my English class during my freshman year,  
14 Summer 1998. Our class would get a different substitute ever week or sometimes every day.  
15 Sometimes the teachers weren't even English teachers. Even my art teacher taught our English class.  
16 This was really hard, and it made harder to learn. Sometimes one teacher would give us homework  
17 and we would do it, then the next day a new teacher would be teaching the class who wouldn't want  
18 the homework. I had to take that class over again.

19          6.        Students at my school are on different tracks. I am on B track. I wanted to take  
20 French this year, but I couldn't because there is no French teacher for B track. It was suggested that  
21 I take Spanish instead. I was given a written Spanish test that took me ten to fifteen minutes to  
22 finish. I was later told that I didn't have to take Spanish because I did well enough on this test, so  
23 I didn't take a foreign language class this year.

24          7.        During intersession, there are a lot of students, and courses are not taught in regular  
25 classrooms. I took a math class in Fall 1999 in a woodshop classroom with wood saws and tools  
26 around the classroom.

27          8.        I am now taking Algebra I. My teacher told us we need a calculator for our class and  
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1 asked each of us to buy one.

2 9. The bathrooms at my school are dirty and written all over with graffiti. There's  
3 no soap. Sometimes there's no paper towels or toilet paper. There are usually one or two  
4 bathrooms that are locked so you can't use them. In the main building, there are two bathrooms  
5 upstairs and two bathrooms downstairs. Teachers don't let us go upstairs. Downstairs, both  
6 bathrooms have been locked for over a week. Last month, July 2001, I complained to a teacher  
7 about the bathrooms being locked, but the teacher said she couldn't do anything about it.

8 10. The school water fountains are dirty, and the water is brownish. The water  
9 fountain by the p.e. field is now clogged.

10 11. During the rainy days in 1999, I heard about ceilings leaking in the 90's  
11 classrooms, but I did not see them myself.

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13 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the  
14 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

15 Executed on August 13, 2001 at Los Angeles, California.

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