

1 **Declaration of Jose Cuevas**

2 I, Jose Cuevas, 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 fourteen years old, and I will be a sophomore at Locke High School this fall. I
6 attended Locke for ninth grade as well.

7 3. There are not enough textbooks for all the students at Locke. Out of all the
8 classes I had last year (English, science, art, career planning, life skills, algebra and computers),
9 my algebra class was the only one where I could take the textbook home with me. In my English
10 class, there weren't even enough books to use during class, so some of the students had to share
11 the books. In the classes where we can't take our books home, we have to spend class time
12 copying the homework assignments from overhead projections. It's really hard, because you only
13 get about 10 minutes to copy down the whole assignment. Then when you get home and try to
14 do the assignment, it's hard to remember how to do it without the books to look at.

15 4. This year, the only one of my classes that wasn't too crowded was my algebra
16 class. My science class had at least 35 people in it. It's hard to learn in a class that big, because
17 it's noisy, and everybody talks so much.

18 5. In one of my classes this year, Mr. Vhreru was supposed to be my teacher, but
19 when the semester started, he didn't teach the class. For about two weeks, we had about eight
20 different substitute teachers until we finally got a permanent teacher. While we had substitutes,
21 we didn't do any homework. We just got to hang out and talk to each other for the whole period.

22 6. The boys bathrooms at Locke have no doors on the stalls, and there is urine all
23 over everything. It seems like they're never cleaned at all. They are usually out of toilet paper, so
24 people have to use paper towels. I try not to use the bathrooms at Locke unless I absolutely have
25 to.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
2 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3rd day of July, 2001 in Los Angeles,
3 California.

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