

1 **Declaration of Guadalupe Herrera**

2 I, Guadalupe Herrera, 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 just finished eleventh grade at John Locke High School in Los Angeles where I
6 have been in school since ninth grade.

7 3. This past year I was in four AP classes - art, chemistry, history, and English.

8 4. I had AP art during second period. In order to take the art AP test I needed to
9 have a portfolio. But my teacher said that the school would not give him the materials to make
10 our portfolios even though he said that he asked the school for them many times. My teacher
11 told us that he had to buy paint, brushes, and paper with his own money so that we could paint.
12 We had to be very careful with the supplies that my teacher bought because there wasn't a lot of
13 supplies and everyone had to share them.

14 5. The air conditioning in the AP art room was broken a lot. Sometimes it would
15 never go on and it would be really hot sometimes it would never go off and it would be really
16 cold. It makes it harder to paint when it is really hot or really cold

17 6. I had AP chemistry first period. We only did one lab the entire year. I didn't feel
18 as prepared as I could have for the chemistry AP test because labs help me under the material
19 better.

20 7. I had third period AP English on the first floor. The school is doing construction
21 on the entire second floor. It goes on all day. The construction made the AP English room
22 vibrate and shake. The noise was so loud that sometimes my teacher had to scream so we could
23 hear her. Sometimes my teacher would just not talk at all. This happened almost every day.

24 8. The third floor flooded three times this past year. They moved all thirty classes on
25 the third floor to the gym. There was no air conditioning in the gym. It was really hot and it
26 smelled really bad. We did not learn anything in the gym.

27 9. In tenth grade I had algebra during second period. We didn't have enough books
28 so we had to share. There was one book for every two students. In order to give us homework

1 the teacher had us copy the assignments from the book and take them home. It was sometimes
2 difficult to do the homework because I couldn't look at the book for examples. It was also
3 difficult sometimes the teacher would not explain something as well as the book. Without the
4 book I couldn't understand how to do a problem.

5 10. In 10th grade I had history during third period. There weren't enough books in
6 that class either. There were about 30 students in the class and we only had about 20 books. The
7 teacher would make copies sometimes to give us homework. My teacher told us that she only
8 was allowed to make 400 copies a semester. How is that possible? With six classes and 30
9 students in each class, she can use 400 copies on just a few assignments. The copy machine
10 doesn't work a lot either. When that happens my teacher makes us copy down material from the
11 book by hand. That takes a lot of time. The school just bought a new copy machine but only one
12 copy machine is not going to help a school this big.

13 11. In my first semester of ninth grade every one of my classes had substitute
14 teachers. In my science class we had a total of five teachers in the first semester. When I tried to
15 enroll at the end of this year for my 12th grade the school wouldn't let me because they said that I
16 hadn't completed my first semester ninth grade classes. When I said that I had passed all the
17 classes they said that I should go and find my teachers and get them to write me a note saying
18 that I had passed their classes. How do I find those substitute teachers? If I had real teachers this
19 would not have been a problem.

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21 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United
22 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 5 day of July, 2001 in Los
23 Angeles, California.

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26 Guadalupe Herrera
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