Declaration of Martha Daniel

I, Martha Daniel, hereby declare:

- 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:
- 2. I am 15 years old and in the 11th grade on track A at Fremont High School in Los Angeles.
- 3. Last year in my 10th grade algebra honors class, my teacher left after the first month and we had about 20 different substitutes for the rest of the semester. Each of the substitute teachers lasted for a day or two before we would get a new one. At least seven times there was no substitute at all. When there was no substitute, the security guards would let us in the classroom, close the door, tell us not to open it and we would be left unsupervised for the whole class period. Because there was no teacher and no work we didn't learn any algebra and when I took the Stanford 9 algebra test I didn't recognize the questions and had no idea what was going on. When it was time to get grades, the substitute who was there on that day said to people "you are a nice person, you get an A." I complained to the administrators and teachers at Fremont about this class but nobody did anything. How could the school let this happen?
- 4. This year in my chemistry class none of the students have a book. The teacher buys books and then reads from them in class and we have to take notes from what he says. In my history class this year we did not get books until two or three weeks after the class began. My books at Fremont have been ripped, had pages torn out and been written on, especially my 11th grade algebra and literature books. Some of the books are really old, my books in 9th grade English, and 9th and 10th grade math had a date or copyright saying they were published in the 1980s. In my Spanish class this year my teacher told us that part of the book was wrong and it had been changed since the book was published. The book problems at Fremont are very frustrating and make it hard to learn.
- 5. Even though Fremont High is a year-round, multitrack school the classes are very overcrowded. The desks and students are packed so close together that it is incredibly noisy and it is difficult to hear the teacher and learn the material. My algebra and history classes this year

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have about 40 students in each class and in these classes in particular it is hard to follow the lessons. Being on track A in a multitrack school is hard because we are in school for four months, on break for two, in school for four months, and then on break for two. Because of the two different two month breaks it is sometimes harder for me to remember the class material and when we get back in school we have to spend the first part of class reviewing.

- In my 10th grade English class a roach crawled over my shoe. There are roaches in the girls locker room and in my 11th grade literature class. In ninth grade there was a story in the school newspaper about a nest of rats in the swimming pool. It is disgusting to have roaches and rats at my school.
- Last year in my 10th grade English class the heater was broken for the whole 7. semester. In the winter it was really cold. I had to bring extra sweaters to class but it was still really hard to concentrate and get anything done because I was so cold..
- The bathrooms at Fremont High School are dirty and usually there is no toilet 8. paper or paper towels. Sometimes there is no soap and about half of the locks on the stall doors are broken. At least two times this year both bathrooms in the main building have been locked and I wasn't able to go to the bathroom. The fact that the bathrooms are dirty, don't have supplies and sometimes are locked makes me think that the school doesn't care about the students.

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 26 day of October, 2001 in Los Angeles, California. Martha Baniel