

1 **Declaration of Nancy Valadez**

2 I, Nancy Valadez, 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 a student in the tenth grade at Fremont High School in Oakland. I have
6 attended Fremont during the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years.

7 3. During the 2000-2001 school year in my English class my teacher only had a class
8 set of novels for all of her English classes and so none of the students in the class could take their
9 books home with them to read. It made me very sad because we could only read the novels in
10 class and sometimes we wouldn't even finish the books because there just wasn't enough time
11 for us to get through them during the class period. When a student was absent and missed the
12 reading for the day the student would fall behind because there was no real chance for he or she
13 to read the book on their own. It just wasn't right that we couldn't review our reading after
14 school hours or if we didn't understand what was happening in the book, go back over it again at
15 home. It made me feel bad that the school didn't have something as basic as a novel for each of
16 the students to take home. My current English teacher (2001-2002 school year) has found
17 enough novels that we can actually take a book home with us, but he still tells us that there are
18 books that he would rather have us read but that there are not enough of those books so we can't
19 use them.

20 4. During the 2000-2001 school year, I had three different teachers for my physical
21 science class. I was with one teacher for a few weeks and then the administrators put my entire
22 class with another teacher. That teacher only stayed for about two months and then she left the
23 school. Finally, we got put with our permanent teacher, but I felt that by that point our class had
24 really missed out on a lot of work. Each new teacher would start teaching us from a different
25 part of the book, the teachers each had different styles, and sometimes a teacher would just redo
26 lessons that the previous teacher had taught us. I don't understand why we had so many different
27 teachers in just one year.

28 5. My teacher in my music class, during the 2001-2002 school year, often tells the

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1 students how she pays for all of her supplies, music scores, and music books with her own
2 money. I don't think it is right that the teachers have to pay for things themselves. It makes me
3 think that they will just get frustrated and leave the school because they get paid so little and then
4 they have to buy everything for our classes.

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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 25 day of October, 2001 in Oakland, California.

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