

1 **DECLARATION OF EDUARDO TAMAYO**

2 I, EDUARDO TAMAYO, declare as follows:

3 1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if
4 called as a witness, I could and would testify to the following matters.

5 2. I am a senior at Jefferson High School in the Los Angeles Unified School
6 District (LAUSD).

7 3. Last year, during my junior year of high school at Jefferson, I needed to
8 take Trigonometry for math. I needed to take Trigonometry in order to meet my
9 graduation requirement for math. My counselor told me that Trigonometry was too
10 full and that there was no space for me. Because I couldn't get into it at the beginning
11 of the year, I was assigned to AP Spanish instead. I did not need to take Spanish for
12 graduation or college, because I had already taken two years of Spanish.

13 4. I went to my counselor every week asking to be switched into
14 Trigonometry, but my counselor kept telling me that there was no space in the
15 classroom. Eventually, ten weeks into the school year some students who were not
16 supposed to be in Trigonometry were taken out of the class, and there was a space
17 available for me. The students that moved out were not supposed to be in
18 Trigonometry; they were supposed to have been taking Algebra 2 or Geometry
19 instead, which are prerequisites for Trigonometry.

20 5. I transferred into Trigonometry ten weeks into the school year. Semesters
21 are twenty weeks long, so I missed the first quarter of the year in math. There was
22 also another student who was transferred into the same Trigonometry class about one
23 week before I did.

24 6. I was very far behind because I had missed ten weeks of math, and it was
25 hard to catch up. My teacher tried to help me catch up, but it was too late. Two
26 marking periods had already passed. I missed the basics of Trigonometry that were
27 taught during the first ten weeks of the class, so I was kind of lost throughout the
28 second half of the semester. I tried to find tutoring, but I could not find any tutoring

1 resources available for Trigonometry. The tutoring that was available at the school by
2 CityYear was mostly for Algebra 2 and Geometry.

3 7. I tried hard to get my grade up, but I ended up receiving a D in the class
4 for first semester. Because I had a little more time to catch up, I was able to get a
5 higher grade during second semester.

6 8. I need to make up the first semester of Trigonometry this year, my senior
7 year, in order to have a higher grade so the class counts for college, but my counselor
8 told me that there is no available period that I can take Trigonometry.

9 9. I wish I could have Trigonometry instead of service. Right now, I try to
10 use my service period to switch into Trigonometry, since I do not do anything
11 worthwhile during that period.

12 10. During my service period, I am assigned to help out in the counseling
13 office. The counseling office occasionally gives me busywork; for example,
14 sometimes I have to enter or check class attendance data. There are about four other
15 students who have service in the counseling office at the same time as I do. I do not
16 see them doing work during the service period. They spend the period talking to each
17 other. I don't know them well, so I usually just leave and go to my AVID
18 (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher's classroom.

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20 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that
21 the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 25, 2014, in Los Angeles,
22 California.

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