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                      UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                     CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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  ANTHONY COLIN, by and through
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                                      Case No.
   his mother and quardian, JESSIE )
   COLIN; HEATHER ZETIN, by and
                                      COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE
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   through her mother and
                                      CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1871, 42
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                                    ) U.S.C. § 1983; THE FEDERAL
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   guardian, JUDY ANDERSON; and
   GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE CLUB OF
                                    ) EQUAL ACCESS ACT, 20 U.S.C.
                                       §§ 4071-4074; THE DUE PROCESS
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   EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL, an
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   unincorporated association,
                                      AND EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSES OF
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                                      THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE
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             Plaintiffs,
                                      UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND
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                                       ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 2 AND 7, OF
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                                      THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION;
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                                    ) AND FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF
   ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT; ) PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-
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   ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MURRAY, in her official 1 capacity as Principal of El 2 Modena High School; BARBARA VAN ) OTTERLOO, in her official 3 capacity as Superintendent of the Orange Unified School 4 District; TERRI SARGEANT, in her official capacity as President of the Orange Unified ) 5 School District Board of 6 Education; MARTIN JACOBSON, in his official capacity as Vice 7 President of the Orange Unified ) School District Board of Education; and MAUREEN ASCHOFF, 8 LINDA DAVIS, WILLIAM LEWIS, 9 ROBERT VIVIANO, and KATHY WARD, in their official capacities as ) 10 Members of the Orange Unified School District Board of 11 Education, 12 Defendants. 13 14 Plaintiffs Anthony Colin, by and through his mother and 15 guardian, Jessie Colin; Heather Zetin, by and through her mother 16 and guardian, Judy Anderson; and Gay-Straight Alliance Club of El 17 Modena High School allege as follows: 18 19 JURISDICTION AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT 20 1. This action is based on, and seeks to redress violations of, the federal Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-21 22 4074, the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. 23 Accordingly, this Court has jurisdiction over this action 24 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, in that this action arises under 25 the Constitution and laws of the United States. In addition, 26 declaratory relief is appropriate in this Court pursuant to 28 27 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367, this Court 2.8

has supplemental jurisdiction over related state law claims under Article I, Sections 2 and 7, of the California Constitution in that these claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.

6 2. The plaintiffs seek a declaration that defendants' 7 discrimination against plaintiffs and denial to them of equal 8 access and a fair opportunity to meet on El Modena High School 9 premises during noninstructional time on the basis of the content 10 of the speech of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club of El Modena High 11 School and the speech of its members violate the Equal Access 12 Act, the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 13 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and 14 Article 1, Sections 2 and 7, of the California Constitution, and 15 that plaintiffs are entitled to have access to school facilities 16 for the purpose of conducting meetings and other purposes on a 17 basis equal to other noncurricular student clubs. The plaintiffs 18 further seek an injunction restraining and enjoining defendants 19 from directly or indirectly preventing the plaintiffs from 20 meeting on the premises of El Modena High School during 21 noninstructional time, and from directly or indirectly denying 22 plaintiffs access to or use of the facilities at the El Modena 23 High School on a basis equal to other noncurricular student 24 clubs. The plaintiffs also seek damages, in at least a nominal 25 amount, as well as attorneys' fees.

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## VENUE

3. On information and belief, all of the parties reside in
Orange County, California and within the Southern Division of

1 this Judicial District. Furthermore, all or substantially all of 2 the events that give rise to the claims in this action occurred 3 in the Southern Division of this Judicial District. Venue is 4 therefore proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 5 § 1391(b)(1) and in this Division pursuant to General Order 349. 6 PARTIES 7 Plaintiff Anthony Colin, a minor, is a natural person 4. 8 residing in Orange, California. He appears by and through his 9 mother and guardian, Jessie Colin, a natural person residing in

Orange, California. Anthony is a tenth-grade student at El Modena High School and the founding member of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club of El Modena High School ("GSAC").

13 5. Plaintiff Heather Zetin, a minor, is a natural person
14 residing in Orange, California. She appears by and through her
15 mother and guardian, Judy Anderson, a natural person residing in
16 Orange, California. Heather is an eleventh-grade student at El
17 Modena High School and a member of the GSAC.

18 Plaintiff Gay-Straight Alliance Club of El Modena High б. 19 School is an unincorporated association of students enrolled at 20 El Modena High School, a public secondary school located in 21 Orange, California and within the Orange Unified School District. 22 Defendant Orange Unified School District ("District") 7. 23 is a public body corporate and politic in Orange, California, 24 responsible for maintaining public schools serving grades 25 kindergarten through twelve. The District is a person within the 26 meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and was acting under color of state 27 law at all times relevant to this complaint.

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8. Defendant Orange Unified School District Board of
 Education ("Board") is the governing board of the Orange Unified
 School District in Orange, California. The Board is a person
 within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and was acting under color
 of state law at all times relevant to this complaint.

9. Defendant Nancy Murray is a natural person who resides,
upon information and belief, in Orange County, California.
Defendant Murray is Principal of El Modena High School and was
acting under color of state law at all times relevant to this
complaint. Defendant Murray is sued in her official capacity.

11 10. Defendant Barbara Van Otterloo is a natural person who 12 resides, upon information and belief, in Orange County, 13 California. Defendant Van Otterloo is Superintendent of the 14 Orange Unified School District and was acting under color of 15 state law at all times relevant to this complaint. Defendant Van 16 Otterloo is sued in her official capacity.

17 11. Defendant Terri Sargeant is a natural person who
18 resides, upon information and belief, in Orange, California.
19 Defendant Sargeant is President of the Board and was acting under
20 color of state law at all times relevant to this complaint.
21 Defendant Sargeant is sued in her official capacity.

12. Defendant Martin Jacobson is a natural person who resides, upon information and belief, in Anaheim Hills, California. Defendant Jacobson is Vice President of the Board and was acting under color of state law at all times relevant to this complaint. Defendant Jacobson is sued in his official capacity.

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1 13. Defendant Linda Davis is a natural person who resides, 2 upon information and belief, in Villa Park, California. 3 Defendant Davis is a Member and Clerk of the Board and was acting 4 under color of state law at all times relevant to this complaint. 5 Defendant Davis is sued in her official capacity. 6 14. Defendants Maureen Aschoff, William Lewis, Robert 7 Viviano, and Kathy Ward are natural persons who reside, upon 8 information and belief, in Orange, California. Defendants 9 Aschoff, Lewis, Viviano, and Ward are Members of the Board, were 10 acting under color of state law at all times relevant to this 11 complaint, and are sued in their official capacities. 12 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS 13 15. Plaintiff Anthony Colin ("Anthony") is fifteen years 14 old and is a tenth-grade student at El Modena High School. 15 16. Plaintiff Heather Zetin ("Heather") is fifteen years old and is an eleventh-grade student at El Modena High School. 16 17 17. On information and belief, El Modena High School 18 receives federal financial assistance. 19 It is the official policy of the Orange Unified School 18. 20 District that noncurricular student groups are entitled to meet 21 on school premises in accordance with the federal Equal Access 22 Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074. Board Policy 6145.5(a) states: 23 "Since the district allows schools to sponsor student groups not 24 directly tied to the curriculum, student-initiated groups not 25 sponsored by the school or district have the right to meet on 26 school premises during times established for a limited open forum 27 in accordance with provisions of the federal Equal Access Act, 28 Board policies and administrative regulations." Board Policy

1 6145.5(a) further provides: "The [Orange Unified School District] 2 Board [of Education] shall not discriminate or deny access to any 3 student initiated group on the basis of religious, political, 4 philosophical or any other content to be addressed at such 5 meetings."

6 19. El Modena High School recognizes at least thirty-eight
7 curricular and noncurricular student groups, including, without
8 limitation, the following student groups, which, on information
9 and belief, are noncurricular: Christian Club; Juggling Club;
10 Gentlemen's Club; Girls' League; Asian Club; Black Student Union;
11 MECHA (a Latino student group); Eighties Club; Mountain Bike
12 Club; Red Cross/Key Club; and Ski Club.

13 20. El Modena High School's noncurricular student groups 14 are permitted to meet on school premises during non-instructional 15 hours and enjoy numerous privileges. For example, on information 16 and belief, these student groups take field trips, hold 17 fundraisers, appear in the school yearbook, and use school 18 facilities to inform other students of their activities.

19 In late August or early September 1999, shortly before 21. 20 the first day of the 1999-2000 school year, plaintiff Anthony 21 Colin decided to start a noncurricular student group designed to 22 promote peace, unity, and respect among gay and straight (i.e., 23 heterosexual) students at El Modena High School. Anthony spoke 24 with Mr. James Veit, the teacher in charge of student activities 25 at El Modena High School, about how to organize such a student 26 group on campus. Mr. Veit informed Anthony of various school 27 procedures that Anthony would have to follow in order to form a

1 new student group, including finding a faculty advisor and 2 writing a club constitution.

3 22. During or about the week of August 30, 1999, Anthony 4 prepared an application for recognition of the Gay-Straight 5 Alliance Club of El Modena High School. He wrote a Club 6 Constitution, which included the name of the student group, its 7 purpose of promoting tolerance, and other information required 8 under El Modena High School's written policies regarding 9 procedures for getting a new student group authorized to meet on 10 campus.

11 23. In early September 1999, on or about the first day of 12 the school year, Anthony asked Mrs. Maryina Herde, a drama and 13 English teacher at El Modena High School, to serve as the faculty 14 advisor to the GSAC. Mrs. Herde agreed to serve as GSAC's 15 faculty advisor.

16 24. In early September 1999, on or about the first day of 17 the school year, Anthony submitted to Mr. Veit the completed 18 application for recognition of the GSAC as a student club at El 19 Modena High School. Mr. Veit looked over the application, told 20 Anthony that the form had been completed properly, and indicated 21 that he would pass the application on to the Principal, defendant 22 Nancy Murray, for approval.

23 25. Shortly thereafter, plaintiff Heather Zetin joined
24 Anthony in planning for the GSAC's future. The students' plans
25 for the GSAC include discussing issues of tolerance,
26 participating in charitable causes such as the AIDS Walk and
27 Breast Cancer Walk, and attending plays or other performances
28 promoting tolerance among gay and straight people.

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1 26. On or about the first week of October 1999, El Modena 2 High School held a "Club Rush," a one-day informational fair 3 about student groups held in the school quad. Various student 4 groups, including new groups, set up tables at the "Club Rush" underneath banners their members designed. The mission 5 6 statements of the participating student groups were available for 7 review, and students were given the opportunity to sign up to 8 join the student groups that were represented. El Modena High 9 School promoted the "Club Rush" through posters and public 10 address system announcements.

11 27. On or about the day before "Club Rush," and again on 12 the day of "Club Rush," Anthony asked Mr. Veit whether the GSAC 13 could set up a table at the event. Mr. Veit indicated that 14 Anthony should speak with defendant Murray. When Anthony spoke 15 with defendant Murray on the day of "Club Rush," she told him 16 that she had passed the GSAC application along to the Orange 17 Unified School District Board of Education and that she would 18 talk to Anthony the following week. The GSAC was denied 19 permission to set up a table at "Club Rush." Beginning at that 20 time, and through the present, the GSAC has been discriminated 21 against and has been prevented from meeting at the high school on 22 the same terms as other noncurricular student groups.

23 28. During or about the second week of October 1999,
24 Anthony approached defendant Murray on campus to inquire about
25 the status of his application concerning the GSAC. Defendant
26 Murray told him that she was too busy to speak with him and that
27 she would get back in touch with him.

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29. Defendant Murray met with Anthony during or about the
 third week of October 1999. During that meeting defendant Murray
 indicated that the Board had problems with the GSAC meeting on
 campus and with the name of the GSAC.

5 30. At a meeting on October 7, 1999, the Board decided to 6 hold a public forum on the GSAC's application. The Board held 7 the public forum on November 9, 1999. Hundreds of people 8 attended, including Anthony and Heather. Two microphones were 9 set up at the forum: one for speakers in favor of approving the 10 GSAC application, another for speakers opposed to approving the 11 GSAC application. Some speakers opposing the GSAC application 12 made negative remarks about gays and lesbians.

13 31. Rather than decide upon the application at the
14 November 9, 1999 public forum, the Board scheduled a vote on the
15 GSAC application for November 18, 1999.

16 On November 18, 1999, the Board held a meeting that 32. 17 included the GSAC application on its agenda. Heather spoke at 18 the meeting and explained to the Board that the main purposes of 19 the GSAC are to promote tolerance and to provide students with a 20 forum to talk. She also explained to the Board that she believes 21 in sexual abstinence and that the GSAC's purpose was not to 22 discuss sex. She further explained to the Board that she has 23 seen other students experience harassment at El Modena High 24 School based on their sexual orientation and that the GSAC is 25 necessary at El Modena High School because of this type of 26 harassment.

33. Rather than act on the GSAC application at the November
18, 1999 meeting, the Board decided to postpone until December 7,

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1999 a vote on the GSAC application. By letter from counsel
 faxed to defendant Murray on November 19, 1999, GSAC again
 specifically requested to be permitted to meet at El Modena High
 School. Defendant Orange Unified School District, responding
 through counsel on November 22, continued not to grant the GSAC
 permission to meet.

7 34. December 7, 1999 is three months after Anthony 8 submitted the application for the GSAC to be recognized and 9 permitted to meet. Although Anthony submitted the application at 10 the beginning of the school year, by the time the Board holds its 11 December 7 meeting, most of the first semester of the school year 12 will have passed without a formal decision on the application. 13 In the meantime, the GSAC continues to be prevented from meeting. 14 The effect of this delay has been to deny the plaintiffs the 15 right for the GSAC to meet on campus for most of the first semester of the 1999-2000 school year. 16

17 35. To date, Anthony has collected signatures from more 18 than fifty El Modena High School students who have expressed an 19 interest in joining the GSAC and participating in its meetings 20 and other activities.

36. The procedures that have been followed with respect to the GSAC application and the resultant delay are highly unusual. The written policy governing the "El Modena High School Procedure For Forming A New Club" instructs applicants to obtain approval from the El Modena High School Administration. Notwithstanding this written school policy that approval should be obtained from the El Modena High School Administration, defendant Murray

refused to permit the GSAC to meet and instead referred the issue
 to the Board.

3 37. By virtue of the unusual procedures followed by all 4 defendants with respect to the GSAC application and the refusal 5 of all defendants to grant the GSAC official club status and to 6 permit it to meet on campus, defendants have discriminated 7 against the plaintiffs, treating them unequally from other 8 noncurricular student groups at El Modena High School and from 9 other El Modena High School students, and defendants have denied 10 plaintiffs equal access to, and a fair opportunity to meet on, 11 the premises of El Modena High School during noninstructional 12 time.

13 38. On information and belief, the defendants are aware 14 that they have treated the GSAC application differently from the 15 manner in which other clubs' applications have been treated. 16 According to an article published on October 27, 1999 in the 17 Orange County Register ("Register"), Orange Unified School 18 District spokeswoman Judy Frutig told the Register that the Board 19 "normally doesn't hold hearings on clubs but decided to take a 20 closer look at the gay-straight club because it would be a first 21 for the district." According to a Register article dated October 22 14, 1999, defendant Murray told the Register that the GSAC "is 23 the first club in the school that has raised an emotional 24 concern. The only other club that had to be brought for board 25 approval was a skating club that raised safety concerns." 26 According to a November 18, 1999 Register article, defendant 27 Board Member Bill Lewis stated: "There are some issues that are 28

1	morally wrong," and "[t]he Bible says we're all sinners, but
2	this, in my opinion, is asking us to legitimize a sin."
3	39. On information and belief, defendants are aware that
4	the law requires them to grant the GSAC access to school
5	facilities on an equal basis with other noncurricular clubs.
6	According to the above-mentioned November 18, 1999 Register
7	article, Board Member Linda Davis said to the Register: "We know
8	the law is on their side, but our community members don't want
9	it."
10	CLAIMS FOR RELIEF
11	FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS
12	Violation Of 42 U.S.C. § 1983
13	Through Violation Of Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074
14	40. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of
15	paragraphs 1 through 39 above, and incorporate those allegations
16	herein by this reference.
17	41. Defendants, acting under color of state law and in
18	violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, have deprived plaintiffs of the
19	rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Equal Access
20	Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074, in that:
21	a. El Modena High School is a public secondary school
22	that receives federal financial assistance;
23	b. El Modena High School has a limited open forum in
24	that it grants an offering to or opportunity for one or more
25	noncurriculum related student groups to meet on school
26	premises during noninstructional time;
27	c. Defendants have discriminated against plaintiffs,
28	denied equal access to plaintiffs, and refused to offer

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plaintiffs a fair opportunity to conduct meetings within El Modena High School's limited open forum on the basis of the 3 religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the 4 speech at such meetings.

5 42. As an actual and proximate result of defendants' 6 conduct, plaintiffs have been injured and suffered damages, in at 7 least a nominal amount, in an amount to be determined according 8 to proof.

9 SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS 10 Violation Of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Through Violation Of The Rights Of 11 Expression And Association Protected By The Due Process Clause of 12 The Fourteenth Amendment

13 43. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of 14 paragraphs 1 through 42 above, and incorporate those allegations 15 herein by this reference.

16 44. Defendants, acting under color of state law and in 17 violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, have deprived plaintiffs of the 18 rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the First Amendment 19 of the United States Constitution, made applicable to the States 20 through the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, in 21 that:

22 Plaintiffs' expression and association activities a. 23 are constitutionally protected under the First Amendment, 24 made applicable to the States through the Due Process Clause 25 of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

26 b. El Modena High School has a limited public forum 27 for student groups to meet on school premises during

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1 noninstructional time and to use school facilities for 2 communicating about those groups' activities; 3 c. Defendants have deprived plaintiffs of their right 4 to engage in constitutionally protected expression and 5 association activities by preventing the GSAC from meeting 6 in the existing limited public forum and from using school 7 facilities. 8 45. As an actual and proximate result of defendants' 9 conduct, plaintiffs have been injured and suffered damages, in at 10 least a nominal amount, in an amount to be determined according 11 to proof. 12 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS 13 Violation Of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Through Violation Of The Equal 14 Protection Clause Of The Fourteenth Amendment 15 46. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of 16 paragraphs 1 through 45 above, and incorporate those allegations 17 herein by this reference. 18 47. Defendants, acting under color of state law and in 19 violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, have deprived plaintiffs of the 20 rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Equal Protection 21 Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States 22 Constitution, in that defendants, without justification, have 23 treated plaintiffs differently than defendants have treated other 24 similarly situated student groups and students at El Modena High 25 School on the basis of the actual or perceived sexual orientation 26 of plaintiffs and those with whom they associate, as well as 27 plaintiffs' political views and expression, by subjecting 28 plaintiffs to a different and more onerous process for student

1 group permission to meet and by preventing the GSAC from meeting 2 on campus. 3 48. As an actual and proximate result of defendants' 4 conduct, plaintiffs have been injured and suffered damages, in at 5 least a nominal amount, in an amount to be determined according 6 to proof. 7 FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS 8 Violation Of California Constitution, 9 Article I, Section 2 10 49. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of 11 paragraphs 1 through 48 above, and incorporate those allegations 12 herein by this reference. 13 50. Defendants, acting under color of state law, have 14 deprived plaintiffs of the rights, privileges, or immunities 15 secured by Article I, Section 2, of the California Constitution, 16 in that: 17 Plaintiffs' expression and association activities a. 18 are protected under Article I, Section 2, of the California 19 Constitution; and 20 b. Defendants have deprived plaintiffs of their right 21 to engage in constitutionally protected expression and 22 association activities. 23 As an actual and proximate result of defendants' 51. 24 conduct, plaintiffs have been injured and suffered damages, in at 25 least a nominal amount, in an amount to be determined according 26 to proof. 27 28

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## 1 FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS 2 Violation Of California Constitution, 3 Article I, Section 7 4 Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of 52. 5 paragraphs 1 through 51 above, and incorporate those allegations 6 herein by this reference. 7 53. Defendants, acting under color of state law, have 8 deprived plaintiffs of the rights, privileges, or immunities 9 secured by Article I, Section 7, of the California Constitution, 10 in that defendants, without justification, have treated 11 plaintiffs differently than defendants have treated other 12 similarly situated student groups and students at El Modena High 13 School on the basis of the actual or perceived sexual orientation 14 of plaintiffs and those with whom they associate, as well as 15 plaintiffs' political views and expression, by subjecting 16 plaintiffs to a different and more onerous process for student 17 group permission to meet and by preventing the GSAC from meeting 18 on campus. 19 54. As an actual and proximate result of defendants' 20 conduct, plaintiffs have been injured and suffered damages, in at 21 least a nominal amount, in an amount to be determined according 22 to proof. 23 24 25 26 27 28

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1 SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS 2 For A Declaration Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202 That 3 Defendants' Conduct Is In Violation Of The Equal Access Act, The 4 Civil Rights Act of 1871, The Fourteenth Amendment To The United 5 States Constitution, And Article 1, Sections 2 And 7, Of The 6 California Constitution, And That Plaintiffs Are Entitled To Have 7 Access To School Facilities On The Same Basis As Other 8 Noncurricular Student Groups 9 55. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations of 10 paragraphs 1 through 54 above, and incorporate those allegations 11 herein by this reference. 12 56. An actual controversy within this Court's jurisdiction 13 exists between plaintiffs and defendants, in that: 14 Plaintiffs contend that the GSAC is entitled to а. 15 meet on school premises during noninstructional time under 16 the Equal Access Act, the Due Process and Equal Protection 17 Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States 18 Constitution, and Article 1, Sections 2 and 7, of the 19 California Constitution; 20 b. Defendants have discriminated against plaintiffs 21 and denied them equal access and a fair opportunity to meet 2.2 on El Modena High School premises during noninstructional 23 time on the basis of the content of the GSAC's speech and 24 the speech of its members. 25 57. A judicial declaration among the parties is necessary 26 and appropriate at this time in order that they promptly may 27 ascertain and enforce their respective rights and obligations. 28

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1 58. Plaintiffs are entitled to a declaratory judgment that 2 defendants' refusals to permit the GSAC to meet as a student 3 group on El Modena High School premises during noninstructional 4 time violate the Equal Access Act, the Due Process and Equal 5 Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, and Article 1, 6 Sections 2 and 7, of the California Constitution, and that 7 plaintiffs are entitled to have access to all school facilities 8 on a basis equal to other noncurricular student groups.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

11 WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray for relief against defendants 12 Orange Unified School District, Orange Unified School District 13 Board of Education, Nancy Murray, Barbara Van Otterloo, Terri 14 Sargeant, Martin Jacobson, Linda Davis, Maureen Aschoff, William 15 Lewis, Robert Viviano, and Kathy Ward, as follows:

16 1. For a declaration of the rights, obligations, and other 17 legal relations among plaintiffs and defendants -- namely that 18 defendants' discrimination against plaintiffs and denial of equal 19 access and a fair opportunity to meet on El Modena High School 20 premises during noninstructional time on the basis of the content 21 of the GSAC's speech violate the Equal Access Act, the Due 22 Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, 23 and Article 1, Sections 2 and 7, of the California Constitution, 24 and that plaintiffs are entitled to have access to and use of all 25 school facilities on a basis equal to other noncurricular student 26 groups.

27 2. For a preliminary and permanent injunction restraining
28 and enjoining defendants and their directors, officers, agents,

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1	affiliates, subsidiaries, servants, employees, and all other
2	persons or entities in active concert or privity or participation
3	with them, from directly or indirectly preventing the plaintiffs
4	from meeting on the premises of El Modena High School during
5	noninstructional time, and from directly or indirectly denying
6	plaintiffs access to or use of school facilities on a basis equal
7	to other noncurricular student groups.
8	3. For damages, in at least a nominal amount, according to
9	proof.
10	4. For interest, where appropriate, on damages awarded.
11	5. For costs and attorneys' fees incurred in the
12	prosecution of this action, pursuant to, without limitation, 28
13	U.S.C. § 1988 and California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.
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1	6. For such additional and further relief, in law and
2	equity, as may be deemed just and appropriate.
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