JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL By George F. Holden, Deputy 318 Hall of Records Santa Ana, California

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL DIVISION

GONZALO MENDEZ, et al,

Petitioners.

vs

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al,

Respondents.

No. 4292-M

ANSWER OF EL MODENO SCHOOL DISTRICT,

et al.

COMES NOW Respondent, El Modeno School District and Henry Campbell, Theodore Hower, Clarence Johnson, as Trustees, and Harold Hammarsten, Superintendent, and severing from their co-respondents herein, in answer to the Petition herein admit, deny and allege as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

That Petition fails to state a claim against these respondents or any of them upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

That the Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter in that:

- (a) It appears upon the face of said Petition that there is no substantial Federal question involved.
- (b) It appears that this is not a suit at law or in equity authorized by law to be brought by any person to redress the deprivation, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State, of any right, privilege or immunity secured by the Constitution of the United States, or any right secured by any law of the United States providing for equal rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States.

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THIRD DEFENSE

These Respondents admit the allegations contained in Paragraphs I, II, III, IV, V, VI and XVII of the Petition.

These Respondents deny generally and specifically all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs VII, VIII, XV, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXII, XXIII and XXV of the Petition.

These Respondents have no information sufficient to form a belief as to the matters set forth in Paragraphs IX, X, XI, XII and XIV of the Petition.

In answer to Paragraph XIII of said Petition, Respondents admit that Lorenzo Ramirez is the father and next of friend of Ignacio, Sil-verio and Jose Ramirez, who live and reside in the El Modeno School District, but deny generally and specifically all other allegations contained therein.

In answer to Paragraph XVI of said Petition, Respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to the equal enjoyment of school privileges and facilities maintained by the El Modeno School District insofar as Petitioner Lorenzo Ramirez is concerned, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in said paragraph.

In answer to Paragraph XXI of said Petition, Respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to such equal accomodations, advantages and privileges and to equal rights and accomodations, advantages and privileges, and to equal rights and treatment with other persons as citizens of the United States in the use and enjoyment of the facilities of said schools and to equal treatment with other persons and to equal protection of the laws in their use and enjoyment of said privileges, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in said paragraph.

FOURTH DEFENSE

In further defense to said Petition, Respondents allege that the

El Modeno School District maintains two school buildings upon one campus in said district;

That there are admitted to one of the school buildings in said district approximately two hundred sixty pupils of Mexican descent;

That said pupils come from families of Mexican descent living together in communities in said district;

That said persons speak the Spanish language among themselves in their homes and that a large number of children from said families who reach the age for compulsory school attendance are unfamiliar with and unable to speak the English language;

That for the efficient instruction of pupils from said families, El Modeno School District has found it desirable to separate said pupils from English speaking pupils residing in said district;

That for the purpose and for the benefit of said pupils, and to give them instruction in the aforesaid subject separate and apart from the English speaking pupils, the Board of Trustees of said district have determined that it is for the best interests of said pupils of Mexican descent and for the best interests of the English speaking pupils that said groups be educated separately;

That to carry out said policy, the Board of Trustees established a rule requiring that persons of Mexican descent who were unfamiliar with the English language be required to attend one of the schools set apart by said Board for said purpose;

That the school established by said Board of Trustees for the instruction of said pupils of Mexican descent furnishes all of the facilities and all the instruction that is furnished to pupils in the other school of said district;

That the teachers employed to instruct the pupils in the Mexican school have the same qualifications and are paid the same salary and are as efficient as are the teachers provided for the other school maintained by said School District;

That at the aforesaid school maintained for pupils of Mexican

descent who are unfamiliar with the English language, said district employs eight teachers;

That in the other school maintained for the English speaking pupils of said district, the enrollment of pupils is one hundred seventeen and in said school four teachers are employed;

That in the school building maintained for the instruction of English speaking pupils there are enrolled approximately twenty-two pupils of Mexican descent;

That these respondents do not have and never have had a rule, regulation or custom that would deny the admission of any pupil to a school within said district solely for the reason that said pupil was of Mexican or Latin descent.

WHEREFORE, these Respondents pray that this action be dismissed and that these Respondents have judgment for their costs herein incurred.

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL

DATED: May 3rd 1945

Deputy County Counsel Attorney for Respondents COUNTY OF ORANGE

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Secured Catalogical, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is one of the Respondents in the above-entitled action; that he has read the foregoing Answer and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated upon his information or belief, and as to those matters that he believes it to be true.

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JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL By George F. Holden, Deputy 318 Hall of Records Santa Ana, California

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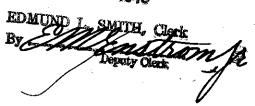
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vs

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al,

Respondents.

ANSWER OF GARDEN GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al

COMES NOW Respondent, Garden Grove Elementary School District of Orange County and William C. Noble, Robert B. Smith and Paul Applebury and James L. Kent, Superintendent, as Trustees of said school district, and severing from their co-respondents herein, in answer to the Petition herein admit, deny and allege as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

That Petition fails to state a claim against these respondents or any of them upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

That the Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter in that:

- (a) It appears upon the face of said Petition that there is no substantial Federal question involved.
- (b) It appears that this is not a suit at law or in equity authorized by law to be brought by any person to redress the deprivation, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State, of any right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Constitution of the United States, or any right secured by any law of the United States providing for equal rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States.

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(c) That it does not appear from said Petition that the action or regulations complained of are sanctioned or are pursuant to any law, rule or regulation of the State of California.

THIRD DEFENSE

These respondents admit the allegations contained in Paragraphs I, II, III, IV, V, VI and XVII of the Petition.

These respondents deny generally and specifically all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs VII, VIII, XV, XVI, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXII, XXIII and XXV of the Petition.

These respondents have no information sufficient to form a belief as to the matters set forth in Paragraphs IX, X, XI, XIII and XIV of the Petition.

In answer to Paragraph XII of said Petition, these respondents deny that Arthur and Sally Palomino live or reside in the Garden Grove Elementary School District, and these respondents have no information or belief as to the other allegations in said paragraph.

In answer to Paragraph XXI, these respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to such equal accommodations, advantages and privileges and to equal rights and accommodations, advantages and privileges, and to equal rights and treatment with other persons as citizens of the United States in the use and enjoyment of the facilities of said schools and to equal treatment with other persons and to equal protection of the laws in their use and enjoyment of said privileges, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in Paragraph XXI.

FOURTH DEFENSE

In further defense to said Petition, these respondents allege that the Garden Grove Elementary School District of Orange County maintains four elementary school buildings;

That there are residing in said district approximately two hundred families of Mexican descent:

That a large percentage of said families live in communities in said district wherein reside persons of Mexican or Latin descent;

That said persons speak the Spanish language among themselves in their homes and that a large number of children from said families who reach the age for compulsory school attendance are unfamiliar with and unable to speak the English language, and

That a large percentage of said persons residing in said communities have not been instructed in or are familiar with the proper rules of personal hygiene.

That for the efficient instruction of pupils from said families, the Garden Grove Elementary School District has found it desirable to instruct said pupils at different locations than are provided for the instruction of pupils who are familiar with the English language and who are more advanced according to the American standards in personal hygiene.

That for the purpose and for the benefit of said pupils, and to give them instruction in the aforesaid subjects separate and apart from the English speaking pupils, the Board of Trustees of said district have determined that it is for the best interests of said pupils of Mexican descent and for the best interests of the English speaking pupils, that said groups be educated separately during the period that they are in the lower grades.

That to carry out said policy, the Board of Trustees established a rule requiring that persons of Mexican descent who were unfamiliar with the English language be required to attend one of the schools set apart by said board for said purpose, and

That such pupils should attend said schools until they acquired some efficiency in the English language or until they had completed the fifth grade.

That the school established by said Board of Trustees for the instruction of said pupils of Mexican descent furnishes all of the facilities and all the instruction that is furnished to pupils in the other schools of said district;

That the teachers employed to instruct the pupils in the Mexican

schools have the same qualifications and are paid the same salary and are as efficient as are the teachers provided for the other schools maintained by said school district;

That these respondents do not have and never have had a rule, regulation or custom that would deny the admission of any pupil to a school within said district solely for the reason that said pupil was of Mexican or Latin descent.

WHEREFORE, these respondents pray that this action be dismissed and that these respondents have judgment for their costs herein incurred.

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL

DATED: May Ind 1898

Deputy County Counsel Attorney for Respondents STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

poses and says: That he is one of the Respondents in the above-entitled action; that he has read the foregoing Answer and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated upon his information or belief, and as to those matters that he believes it to be true.

James J. Kent Dist. Supt.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day of 1945.

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

My commission expires May 27, 1946

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNT COUNSEL By George F. Holden, Deputy 318 Hall of Records Santa Ana, California

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No. 4292-M

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al,

Respondents.

ANSWER OF SANTA ANA CITY SCHOOLS, et al

COMES NOW Respondent, Santa Ana City Schools and George R. Wells, Hiram M. Currey, James K. Givens, Daniel W. Stover and George J. Busdieker, its Board of Education; and Frank A. Henderson and Harold Yost, its Superintendent and Secretary, and severing from their co-respondents herein, in answer to the Petition herein admit, deny and allege as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

That Petition fails to state a claim against these respondents or any of them upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

That the Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter in that:

- It appears upon the face of said Petition that (a) there is no substantial Federal question involved.
- It appears that this is not a suit at law or in equity authorized by law to be brought by any person to redress the deprivation, under color (b) of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State, of any right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Constitution of

the United States, or any right secured by any law of the United States providing for equal rights of citizens of the United States, or of all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States.

(c) That it does not appear from said Petition that the action or regulations complained of are sanctioned or are pursuant to any law, rule or regulation of the State of California.

THIRD DEFENSE

These respondents admit the allegations contained in Paragraphs I. II, IV, V, VI and XVII of the Petition.

These respondents deny generally and specifically all of the allogations contained in Paragraphs VII, VIII, XV, XVIII, XIX,XX,XXII, XXIII and XXV of the Petition.

These respondents have no information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraphs IX, X, XII, XIII and XIV of the Petition.

In answer to Paragraph XI of said Petition, respondents admit that William Guzman is the father and next of friend of Billy Guzman, who lives and resides within the Santa Ana school system, but deny each and every other allegation therein contained.

In answer to Paragraph XVI of said Petition, respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to the equal enjoyment of school privileges and facilities maintained by the Santa Ana City Schools insofar as Petitioner William Guzman is concerned, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in said paragraph.

In answer to Paragraph XXI of said Petition, respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to such equal accomodations, advantages and privileges and to equal rights and accomodations, advantages and privileges, and to equal rights and treatment with other persons as citizens of the United States in the use and enjoyment of the facilities of said schools, and to equal treatment with other persons and to equal protection of the laws in their use and enjoyment of said privileges, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in Paragraph XXI.

FOURTH DEFENSE

In further defense to said Petition, respondents allege that the Santa Ana School District operates and maintains fourteen elementary schools;

That for the purpose of furnishing sufficient and adequate facilities in each of said schools, and to require the proper proportion of total pupils in said district to attend each of said schools, the Board of Education of the City of Santa Ana has divided said school district into fourteen zones and has assigned to each school the people residing in one of said zones;

That as between persons of Mexican descent and persons speaking the English language, the attendance at said schools is composed of said pupils in percentages as follows:

In the zones served by the Fremont, Delhi and Logan Schools the population is 99% of Mexican descent and the pupils attending said schools are in the same proportion, or are approximately 100% of Mexican descent;

In the zones served by the Wilson, Spurgeon, Hoover and Jefferson Schools, the population is 100% of English speaking people and the attendance in said schools is 100% of English speaking people.

In the zone served by the Edison School, 2% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 2% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the Franklin School, 40% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 40% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the Lowell School, 5% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 5% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the McKinley School, 10% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 10% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the Roosevelt School, 25% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 25% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the Muir School, 45% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 45% of the attendance.

In the zone served by the Lincoln School, 10% of the persons residing in said zone are of Mexican descent and the percentage of Mexican pupils attending said school is 10% of the attendance.

That these respondents do not have and never have had a rule, egulation or custom that would deny the admission of any pupil to a school within said district solely for the reason that said pupil was of Mexican or Latin descent.

That all of the schools established and maintained by said Board of Education in said Santa Ana School District, whether attended by Mexicans or others, are maintained upon an equal basis;

That equal facilities are furnished to each of the schools and that equal instruction and courses of study are provided in all of said schools maintained by said district.

WHEREFORE, these respondents pray that this action be dismissed and that these respondents have judgment for their costs herein incurred.

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL

DATED: May 3rd / 946

Deputy County Counsel Attorney for Respondents

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France A. Huberry

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 30/4, day of ________, 1945.

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

My Commission Expires Nov. 24, 1945

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL By George F. Holden, Deputy 318 Hall of Records Santa Ana, California

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Petitioners,

No. 4292-M

vs

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT: OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al,

Respondents.

ANSWER OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY, et al

COMES NOW Respondent, Westminster School District of Orange County and J. A. Houlihan, Lewis Conrady, Ray Schmitt, as Trustees and J. Harris, Superintendent of said school district, and severing from their co-respondents herein, in answer to the Petition herein admit, deny and allege as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

That Petition fails to state a claim against these respondents or any of them upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

That the Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter in that:

- (a) It appears upon the face of said Petition that there is no substantial Federal question involved.
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· (c) That it does not appear from said Petition that the action or regulations complained of are sanctioned or are pursuant to any law, rule or regulation of the State of California.

THIRD DEFENSE

These respondents admit the allegations contained in Paragraphs I, II, III, IV, V, VI and XVII of the Petition.

These respondents deny generally and specifically all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs VII, VIII, XV, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXII, XXIII and XXV of the Petition.

These respondents have no information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in Paragraphs IX, XI, XII and XIII

In answer to Paragraph X of said Petition, these respondents admit that Gonzalo Mendez is the father and next of friend of Sylvia, Gonzalo and Geronimo Mendez, who live and reside in the Westminster School District, but deny each and every other allegation therein contained.

In answer to Pargraph XIV of said Petition, these respondents admit that Thomas Estrada is the father and next of friend of Clara, Roberto, Francisco, Syria, Daniel and Evelina Estrada, who live and reside in the Westminster School District, but deny each and every other allegation therein contained.

In answer to Paragraph XVI of said Petition, these respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to the equal enjoyment of school privileges and facilities maintained by the Westminster School District insofar as Petitioners Gonzalo Mendez and Thomas Estrada are concerned, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in said paragraph.

In answer to Paragraph XXI of said Betition, respondents admit that Petitioners are entitled to such equal accommodations, advantages and privileges and to equal rights and accommodations, advantages and privileges, and to equal rights and treatment with other persons as citizens of the United States in the use and enjoyment of the facilities of said schools, and to equal treatment with other persons and to equal

protection of the laws in their use and enjoyment of said privileges, but deny generally and specifically each and every other allegation contained in Paragraph XXI.

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FOURTH DEFENSE

In further defense to said Petition, respondents allege that the Westminster School District operates and maintains two elementary schools;

That there are residing in said district many families of Mexican descent;

That a large percentage of said families live in communities in said district wherein reside persons of Mexican or Latin descent;

That said persons speak the Spanish language among themselves in their homes and that a large number of children from said families who reach the age for compulsory school attendance are unfamiliar with and unable to speak the English language, and

That for the efficient instruction of pupils from said families, the Westminster School District has found it desirable to instruct said pupils at different locations than are provided for the instruction of pupils who are familiar with the English language;

That for the purpose and for the benefit of said pupils, and to give them instruction in the aforesaid subject separate and apart from the English speaking pupils, the Board of Trustees of said District have determined that it is for the best interests of said pupils of Mexican descent and for the best interests of the English speaking pupils, that said groups be educated separately during the period they are in the lower grades;

That to carry out said policy, the Board of Trustees established a rule requiring that persons of Mexican descent who were unfamiliar with the English language be required to attend a school set apart by said Board for said purpose;

That such pupils should attend said school until they acquired some efficiency in the English language;

That the school established by said Board of Trustees for the instruction of said pupils of Mexican descent furnishes all of the facilities and all the instruction that is furnished to pupils in the other school of said district;

That the teachers employed to instruct the pupils in the Mexican school have the same qualifications and are paid the same salary and are as efficient as are the teachers provided for the other school maintained by said School District:

That these respondents do not have and never have had a rule, regulation or custom that would deny the admission of any pupil to a school within said district solely for the reason that said pupil was of Mexican or Latin descent.

WHEREFORE, these Respondents pray that this action be dismissed and that these Respondents have judgment for their costs herein incurred.

JOEL E. OGLE, COUNTY COUNSEL

DATED: May 3rd 1945

Attorney for Respondents

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ORANGE

and says: That he is one of the Respondents in the above-entitled action; that he has read the foregoing Answer and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated upon his information or belief, and as to those matters that he believes it to be true.

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My Commission expires October 6, 1947

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

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