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17	all those similarly situated,	DECLARATORY RELIEF
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19	vs.	
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiffs bring this suit under Title IX of the Education
 Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. and its interpreting regulations, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States
 Constitution as enforced through 42 U.S.C. § 1983, the California Constitution,
 Article 1, § 7, California Education Code § 230 et seq., and California
 Government Code § 11135. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's federal law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343(a)(3) and 1343(a)(4). This
 Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the related state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). Plaintiffs' state law claims are related, as all of Plaintiffs' claims share common operative facts. Resolving all state and federal claims in a single action serves the interests of judicial economy, convenience and fairness to the parties.
- 2. Declaratory and other relief is authorized pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and 28 U.S.C. § 2202 for the purpose of determining a question of factual controversy that exists between the parties. A declaration of the correct interpretation of the legal requirements described in this complaint is necessary and appropriate to determine the respective rights and duties of the parties to this action.
- 3. Venue is proper in the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because the events giving rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this District. All Plaintiffs reside in this District, as do the Defendants Alhambra School District and the City of Alhambra. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the individual Defendants reside in this District. In any event, all the individual Defendants engaged in the illegal acts described herein in the Central District.

INTRODUCTION

- 4. Plaintiffs bring this action to remedy the unlawful sex discrimination of Alhambra School District ("the District"), City of Alhambra ("the City"), District employees Russell Lee-Sung, Victor Sandoval, and Lou Torres (the "individual District Defendants"), and Alhambra School Board members William A. Vallejos, John H. Nunez, Robert L. Gin, Ruth E. Castro, and Barbara A. Messina, (the "individual School Board Defendants") against female student athletes at Alhambra High School ("AHS"). Defendants' unlawful sex discrimination violates female students' rights under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), the United States and the California Constitutions, and state anti-discrimination laws.
- 5. Defendants have unlawfully failed to provide female student athletes equal treatment and benefits as compared to male athletes in a myriad of ways, including but not limited to:
- (a) Assigning female student athletes to inferior, substandard, poorly maintained, and dangerous playing facilities while assigning male student athletes to the best facilities which are superior, well maintained and safe;
- (b) Hiring less experienced and walk-on coaches for female student athletes;
- (c) Assigning female student athletes to an inferior and dilapidated locker room with broken showers and restrooms while providing male student athletes three locker rooms, thus giving them access to additional locker space, working showers and restrooms, and lockers that are larger and more appropriate for athletes;
- (d) Securing the most popular "prime time" slots for male student athletes' practice and competition times while relegating the female student

athletes to the earlier, less desirable times;

- (e) Excluding female student athletes entirely from two of AHS's weight rooms, and effectively excluding female student athletes from the use of a third weight room;
- (f) Consistently providing less publicity and support for female athletic teams than for male athletic teams, including not providing cheerleaders, pep band, public address system, scoreboards, and videotaping; and
- (g) Failing to ensure appropriate funding to support female student athletes.
- 6. Defendants have intentionally discriminated against the female student athletes by funding, authorizing, constructing, renovating, and maintaining Moor Field, a state-of-the-art facility designed and intended primarily for male student athletes. The facility includes fields for the male students' baseball teams; however, the Defendants refused to create any field appropriate for softball use, despite the frequent and explicit pleas by parents and coaches.
- 7. The District and the individual District defendants have discriminated against the female students at AHS by failing to provide them with an equal opportunity to participate in athletic programs. Notwithstanding the significant numbers of female students who have the interests and abilities to participate in athletics, the District and the individual District Defendants have failed to offer the female students at AHS athletic opportunities proportionate to their numbers. As a result, female students have been unable to participate in team sports, have been deterred from participating, and have been excluded from AHS's athletic programs.

8. The District cannot demonstrate that its programs nevertheless comply with Title IX despite the failure to provide proportionate numbers of athletic opportunities to the female students at AHS. The District does not have a history and continuing practice of expanding its athletic programs in response to the developing interests and abilities of female students. Accordingly, the failure to provide female students with an equal opportunity to participate has occurred without justification or defense by the District and in total disregard for the female students who have the interest and ability to participate in sports.

- 9. The Defendants' repeated, purposeful differential treatment of female students at AHS and female AHS athletes reveals an utter disregard for laws protecting against such invidious sex discrimination. The Defendants have continued to unfairly discriminate against females despite persistent complaints by students, parents, coaches, and others. Plaintiffs and the class they propose to represent have been provided with no other alternative but to hold the Defendants accountable for their persistent discrimination by instituting this lawsuit.
- 10. In bringing this lawsuit, Plaintiffs seek to require that Defendants comply with Title IX, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Equal Protection Clause of the California Constitution, and California state laws by ending their discriminatory actions towards the female students at AHS and by taking remedial steps to address discrimination in the athletic program.

PARTIES - PLAINTIFFS

11. Plaintiff Lauren M. Cruz ("CRUZ") is a 15-year-old mirror female who attends AHS. CRUZ has played and continues to play softball at AHS. CRUZ intends to play softball in college and hopes to receive an athletic

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college scholarship. Defendants have discriminated against CRUZ on the basis of her sex by denying her equal athletic treatment and benefits. CRUZ, a minor, is proceeding in this action by her next friend, her mother, Jean Cruz. CRUZ and Jean Cruz are residents of Alhambra, California, which is within the jurisdiction of the Central District of California.

- 12. Plaintiff Valerie Herrera ("HERRERA") is a 17-year-old minor female who attends AHS. HERRERA has played and continues to play softball at AHS. Defendants have discriminated against HERRERA on the basis of her sex by denying her equal athletic treatment and benefits. HERRERA, a minor, is proceeding in this action by her next friend, her mother, Carolina Herrera. HERRERA and Carolina Herrera are residents of Alhambra, California, which is within the Central District of California.
- 13. Plaintiff Jennifer N. Cerros ("CERROS") is an 18-year-old female student who attends AHS. CERROS plays basketball at AHS. Defendants have discriminated against CERROS on the basis of her sex by denying her equal athletic treatment and benefits. CERROS resides in Alhambra, California, which is within the Central District of California.
- 14. Plaintiff Catherine Grempel ("GREMPEL") is a 14-year-old minor female who attends Emory Park School in Alhambra, California. GREMPEL will be attending AHS starting in Fall 2004. GREMPEL intends to play softball and track and field at AHS. GREMPEL has played softball since she was seven years old. Unless the Defendants cease their discriminatory actions and take remedial action, GREMPEL will be subjected to discrimination and unequal athletic treatment and benefits. GREMPEL intends to pursue an athletic scholarship when she applies to college and is relying on her athletic abilities as a means to help finance her college education. GREMPEL, a minor, is

proceeding in this action by her next friend, her mother, Tina Grempel.

GREMPEL and Tina Grempel are residents of Alhambra, California, which is within the Central District of California.

PARTIES - DEFENDANTS

- 15. Defendant Alhambra School District is a public school district. The District is a state actor subject to the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause as enforced through 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Additionally, the District receives federal funding and, therefore, all of its programs and activities are governed by the requirements of Title IX pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1687. The District is authorized to operate, and does operate, AHS, and is responsible for AHS's conduct. The District is located in Alhambra, California, which is within the Central District of California.
- 16. Defendant City of Alhambra is a state actor subject to the Equal Protection Clauses of the United States and the California Constitutions. Additionally, Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the City of Alhambra receives financial assistance from the State of California and is thus regulated by California Government Code section 11135(a). Together with the District, the City has funded, authorized, constructed, renovated, and maintained Moor Field, a state-of-the-art facility designed primarily for male athletes.
- 17. Defendant Russell Lee-Sung (LEE-SUNG) is the principal of AHS. Defendant LEE-SUNG has authority and control over the day-to-day operations of AHS, including its policies, practices, procedures, facilities, maintenance, programs, activities, services, and employees in AHS's athletic department. Defendant LEE-SUNG is responsible for ensuring that AHS complies with anti-discrimination laws. Defendant LEE-SUNG is a resident of

the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant LEE-SUNG resides within the Central District of California. Defendant LEE-SUNG is sued in his official capacity.

- 18. Defendant Lou Torres ("TORRES") is the athletic director at AHS. Defendant Torres has authority and control over the day-to-day operations of AHS's athletic department, including its policies, practices, procedures, programs, activities, services, coaches, and teams. Defendant TORRES is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant TORRES resides within the Central District of California. Defendant TORRES is sued in his official capacity.
- 19. Defendant Victor Sandoval ("SANDOVAL") is the vice principal of business and activities at AHS. Defendant SANDOVAL supervises Defendant TORRES and has authority and control over AHS's athletic department, including its policies, practices, procedures, programs, activities, services, coaches, and teams. Defendant SANDOVAL is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant SANDOVAL resides within the Central District of California. Defendant SANDOVAL is sued in his official capacity.
- 20. William A. Vallejos ("VALLEJOS") is the Board President of the Alhambra School District Board of Education. As Board President, Defendant VALLEJOS is responsible for the actions of the Alhambra School District and is responsible for ensuring that the District complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Defendant VALLEJOS is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant VALLEJOS resides within the Central District of California. Defendant VALLEJOS is sued in his official capacity.

- 21. John H. Nuñez ("NUNEZ") is the Board Vice-President of the Alhambra School District Board of Education. As Board Vice-President, Defendant NUNEZ is responsible for the actions of the Alhambra School District and is responsible for ensuring that the District complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Defendant NUNEZ is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant NUNEZ resides within the Central District of California. Defendant NUNEZ is sued in his official capacity.
- 22. Robert L. Gin ("GIN") is the Clerk of the Alhambra School District Board of Education. As Clerk, Defendant GIN is responsible for the actions of the Alhambra School District and is responsible for ensuring that the District complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Defendant GIN is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant GIN resides within the Central District of California. Defendant GIN is sued in his official capacity.
- 23. Ruth E. Castro ("CASTRO") is a Member of the Alhambra School District Board of Education. As a Board Member, Defendant CASTRO is responsible for the actions of the Alhambra School District and is responsible for ensuring that the District complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Defendant CASTRO is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant CASTRO resides within the Central District of California. Defendant CASTRO is sued in her official capacity.
- 24. Barbara A. Messina ("MESSINA") is a Member of the Alhambra School District Board of Education. As a Board Member, Defendant MESSINA is responsible for the actions of the Alhambra School District and is

responsible for ensuring that the District complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination. Defendant MESSINA is a resident of the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant MESSINA resides within the Central District of California. Defendant MESSINA is sued in her official capacity.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

25. The named individual Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and on behalf of a class of all those similarly situated pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Definition.

26. Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of all present and future AHS female students and potential students who participate, seek to participate, and/or are deterred from participating in athletics at AHS.

Numerosity.

27. The class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. There are more than 1,400 female students in grades 9 - 12 at AHS, including more than about 300 who participate in interscholastic athletics. It is unknown how many of these current female students or how many future female students would seek to participate in interscholastic athletics if additional opportunities were available. Moreover, members of the class who may suffer future injury are not capable of being identified at this time, as the class includes future AHS female athletes and the class is constantly in flux, with students graduating and new students attending AHS each year.

Common Questions of Law and Fact.

28. Common questions of law and fact predominate, and include: (a) whether female student athletes at AHS are receiving unequal treatment and

benefits in comparison to the male student athletes; and (b) whether female students at AHS are being deprived of equal opportunities to participate in sports.

Typicality.

- 29. The types of sex discrimination the named Plaintiffs have suffered are typical of the sex discrimination which members of the class have suffered, are suffering, and, unless this Court grants relief, will continue to suffer.
- 30. CRUZ is a member of the proposed class in that she is a current female student athlete at AHS who is subjected to the discriminatory unequal treatment and benefits that the District provides to female student athletes. CRUZ has been subjected to sex-based discrimination by all Defendants.
- 31. HERRERA is a member of the proposed class in that she is a current female student athlete at AHS who is subjected to the discriminatory unequal treatment and benefits that the District provides to female student athletes. HERRERA has been subjected to sex-based discrimination by all Defendants.
- 32. CERROS is a member of the proposed class in that she is a current female student athlete at AHS who is subjected to the discriminatory unequal treatment and benefits that the District provides to female student athletes.

 CERROS has been subjected to sex-based discrimination by all Defendants.
- 33. GREMPEL is a member of the proposed class in that she will be a female student athlete at AHS for the 2004-2005 school year and will be subjected to the District's failure to accommodate the athletic interest and abilities of AHS's female students, and to the unequal treatment and benefits that Defendants provide to female student athletes at AHS, if Defendants are not ordered to cease immediately their discriminatory actions and to remedy

their past discriminatory conduct.

Adequacy of Representation.

34. The named Plaintiffs are members of the proposed class and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the class. Plaintiffs intend to prosecute this action rigorously in order to secure remedies for the entire class. Counsel of record for Plaintiffs are experienced in state and federal civil rights litigation and class actions, including Title IX litigation.

Injunctive and Declaratory Relief

35. Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to the class as a whole under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

36. Plaintiffs claim that Defendants have been and are discriminating against female students at AHS in violation of Title IX, the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and California state law.

SEX-BASED DISCRIMINATION IN ATHLETIC TREATMENT AND BENEFITS.

37. The District and the individual District Defendants have unlawfully discriminated against female student athletes with respect to athletic treatment and benefits in areas including, but not limited to: practice and competitive facilities; training facilities; locker rooms; coaches and coaching facilities; scheduling of games and practice times; publicity; and funding. All of the Defendants have discriminated against the female student athletes with respect to the facilities at Moor Field.

Practice and Competitive Facilities

38. The Defendants provide inequitable practice and competitive facilities to female student athletes. In addition, the District and the imdividual Defendants discriminate against female student athletes in that they fail to properly maintain the facilities provided to female students athletes.

The Moor Field Renovation.

- 39. Around June 2002, the District and the City began upgrading Moor Field, a piece of land located about two miles from AHS and owned by the District. The upgrade was a joint project, with the City providing \$900,000 to upgrade the school-owned field and the District contributing to its upgrade and maintenance. The City and the District jointly decided how funds would be spent to upgrade Moor Field, and jointly decided to renovate the three fields at Moor Field by building two baseball diamonds exclusively for male student athletes and one multi-use field, which does not meet softball specifications. They decided not to build a softball field.
- 40. The City's decision not to build a softball field at Moor Field is consistent with its discriminatory conduct generally. No park within the City of Alhambra has an appropriate softball field, while the City maintains five baseball fields for boys. This deficiency continues, despite a dramatic increase in the past few years in the number of girls playing softball and despite repeated requests by residents to build softball fields. The City recently upgraded the baseball fields in one park, again failing to build girls a place to play softball.
- 41. The Moor Field site now contains one large field and two smaller fields, none of which is a softball field. The fields are state-of-the-art, with new fencing, new bleachers, enclosed batting cages, pitching bullpens, cernent dugouts, two electronic scoreboards, a concession stand, and equipment storage

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sheds. There are also foul poles around one field. One of the fields is designated as a multi-use field, but it is not adequate for softball use, and is the least refurbished of the three fields, lacking proper fencing and an electronic scoreboard.

- 42. Although the City and District closely consulted AHS's head baseball coach about the Moor Field renovation, they did not even inform AHS head softball coach of the proposed upgrade, much less approach him for his input and recommendations.
- 43. The Defendants have refused to build a ball diamond dedicated to softball use despite repeated requests. The Defendants, including Defendant TORRES, have refused to allow the one multi-use field to be used for softball. The Moor Field renovation project was completed in February 2003.
- 44. The District and the City were put on notice that renovating Moor Field for the exclusive use and benefit of boys constitutes illegal discrimination against girls. In or around January 2003, AHS's head softball coach informed District officials, including Defendant TORRES, that they were violating Title IX by not providing AHS's softball team with equitable practice and competitive facilities. During planning meetings for the Moor Field renovation, which included District and City officials, attendees discussed but disregarded nondiscrimination mandates.

The Third Street Field.

45. While the AHS boys baseball teams play at a state-of-the-art facility, the girls play softball on a substantially inferior and dangerous field located at AHS (hereinafter "the Third Street Field"). The Third Street Field is a small, dirt field with torn-up grass, weeds, and holes that some athletes refer to as "gopher holes" because they are so deep. The female athletes at AHS

have stated that falling on the field is like "sliding on concrete," because it is rocky, dry ground. The District's maintenance department has refused to lay dirt on the softball field on a regular basis. The field is also not level, causing many students to trip as they try to run on it, and, because it is uneven, it does not drain properly so that the junior varsity home plate is flooded during rainy season so the girls cannot play on this field.

46. The condition of the Third Street Field is exacerbated by the fact that AHS allows freshman football, PE, and soccer teams to use and further destroy the field during the year. These students tear up the field with their cleats and leave the field littered with their equipment, such as football sleds, and garbage like candy wrappers and soda bottles. Moreover, because the District fails to maintain the field properly, female softball players must pick up trash, drag the field, and water and trim the grass as needed. But teenage girls cannot perform all the upkeep responsibility of a sports field. The softball teams have had to cancel games because the District has failed to prepare the field. These maintenance problems have been brought to the attention of District personnel, who have intentionally failed to remedy them. The baseball teams' fields have been and continue to be properly and consistently maintained.

47. Female softball players have experienced physical injuries as a result of the conditions at the Third Street Field. Softball players have sprained ankles and one player broke a blood vessel in her eye from a ball popping up off one of the holes in the field. Also, other female players who use the field, such as soccer players, have had sprained ankles from falling on the torn-up dirt field. Injuries to female student athletes have not caused Defendants to repair the Third Street Field or to take any other corrective measures.

48. The Third Street Field has none of the amenities of the three Moor Field ball diamonds. It has no batting cages, electronic scoreboards, pitching bullpens, or cement dugouts. In fact, the area in which softball pitchers warm up has no pitching rubber, home plate, or protective fence, as the Moor Field baseball diamonds have. Rather, softball pitchers warm up by throwing the ball while standing behind a bench that substitutes for a dugout. Defendants the District and SANDOVAL have denied money to the softball program needed to build appropriate safety fencing. The Third Street Field has no electrical outlets on the field, making it difficult to use a pitching machine to train players. The Third Street Field has no concession stand facilities, thus denying softball players the ability to raise much needed funds from attendees. It also has no cemented areas for bleachers.

49. The Third Street Field is far too small to accommodate the girls' play. The two girls' softball teams often play on the field at the same time; during games, the girls are forced to interrupt the regulation play when a fielder from the other team misses a ball because their outfields overlap.

The "Small" Gym.

50. As with softball, AHS discriminates against female student basketball players in its provision of practice and competitive facilities. The girls' basketball team is assigned the "small gym" for practice, even though this gym is not regulation size and the girls' basketball team actually plays games in the "big gym," where the boys are allowed to practice. To compensate for using a non-regulation basketball court, the girls' basketball players "play outside the lines" in the small gym. The female basketball players can use the big gym only if they practice before the boys, practice late in the evening when the boys are done, or when the boys do not have practice.

Training Facilities.

51. Male student athletes have far greater access to weight training facilities and weight training coaches than do the female student athletes. AHS has three weight rooms, including one at Moor Field and two at the school facility. The weight room at Moor Field is available to the football and boys baseball teams; girls are not permitted to use it and therefore have no access. One of the two weight rooms at the school is allocated exclusively to the football team; girls are not permitted to use it and therefore have no access. The last weight room is ostensibly open to girls; however, in fact, girls are denied access while boys' wrestling, basketball, and track teams use the room. Moreover, on the few occasions when female athletes have been able to access the third weight room, they have been directed to leave when male athletes chose to use it, as male athletes are given priority.

Locker Rooms.

- 52. The girls' locker facilities are dramatically inferior to the boys' locker facilities. While male student athletes are provided three separate locker rooms, female student athletes are provided only one, the physical education (PE) locker room. Further, the boys' PE locker room is larger than the girls' only locker room, providing boys with more and larger lockers to store their athletic equipment and uniforms. Inside this locker room is also a separate, segregated locker area exclusively for the football players.
- 53. The conditions of the girls' locker facilities are abysmal. The showers in the girls' locker room have not worked for several years and the toilets are frequently non-functioning and/or overflowing. Because the toilets frequently leak, the locker room often resembles a sewer and girls cannot place their equipment and clothes on the floor. While male student athletes have

access to functioning showers and amenities in the additional male locker rooms, female student athletes have frequently attended class without having showered after practice.

- 54. The majority of lockers provided to female student athletes in the girls' PE locker room are not large enough to store uniforms or equipment. Additionally, the girls are not allowed to use and lock the lockers overnight. Female softball players are forced to carry their equipment with them all day, and to change into their uniforms in a tin shed on the field. Female basketball players have had to carry their athletic bags and equipment onto the game floor during home games and have been mistaken for the visiting team. Moreover, having their gym bags on the floor presents a hazard to the girls, as they quickly maneuver on and off the court.
- 55. Not only has the District and the individual District Defendants provided girls with less locker space, they have also refused to allow girls to have access to the superior male facilities. For example, during home games, visiting male basketball teams are allowed to use the boys' locker room located off of the big gym, but the District's own girls' basketball players have been denied access to this locker room.

Coaches and Coaching Facilities.

56. The District and the individual District Defendants discriminate against female student athletes by hiring walk-on coaches to head female teams, while providing male teams with coaches who are also full-time teachers at AHS. As a result, male athletes have greater access to their coaches who are located on campus, whereas the coaches of female teams are frequently inaccessible to the female student athletes during non-scheduled practice and game times.

57. Student athletes at AHS can sign up for 6th period classes to play their particular sport during the Fall. However, the District does not secure softball coaches during this time. While some softball coaches have chosen to work for free to help ameliorate the effects of the District's discriminatory actions, frequently the girls have no coach to supervise them during 6th period. They are instead left unsupervised and have often been sent to the cafeteria to study. In contrast, the head baseball coach is a full-time teacher and is assigned to supervise the male baseball players during 6th period.

58. Similarly, the girls' basketball team receives less coaching time because neither the head coach nor the three assistant coaches are full-time teachers. The District has not paid basketball coaches to supervise 6th period girls' basketball play. If the girls' basketball coach is unable or unwilling to work for free during 6th period, the girls play unsupervised or are sent to the cafeteria to study. In addition, at times, the girls' basketball team has had to practice late at night because their walk-on coach was not available during the day to coach them. The current girls' basketball head coach is a security guard at AHS who is scheduled to work during 6th period. Consequently, he has not been available to supervise the girls during 6th period. In contrast, the boys' basketball players receive coaching during 6th period because their head coach is full-time faculty, as are three of the four assistant coaches.

59. The coaches of the female student athletic teams at AHS have less experience than the coaches of the male athletic teams. For example, the head softball coach for the past five years had less experience than the head baseball coach. The head baseball coach has significant coaching and professional baseball experience, including playing for a Minor League baseball team.

60. The head coach of the boys' basketball team is likewise more experienced than the girls' basketball team head coach, including college level coaching experience. The District recently replaced the girls' head basketball coach. The District's delay in interviewing and selecting a candidate caused several highly-qualified candidates to accept other positions. The District ultimately hired the school's security guard, who has insufficient experience for the position. As a result of the District's neglect, the girls' basketball program suffered. Girls missed significant playing opportunities and incoming eighth grade girls were not adequately recruited for this current season.

61. The District does not provide its walk-on coaches of female sports teams with proper office facilities. After repeated requests for an office, the former girls' basketball coach was eventually given a space – what was formerly a closet. This closet-office had no window and no electrical outlet. To warm the closet, girls dragged a cord from an adjoining room to bring in a heater. Although the girls' basketball team had requested a place to go during game half-times and an office to meet with their coach, this tiny room was too small to accommodate the team, as there was not enough room to sit. In contrast, the boys' basketball coach has an office large enough to accommodate students who want to meet with him, and the office is equipped with electrical outlets, couches, storage closets, and a television and a video recorder. This office is provided to the boys' basketball team, in addition to the separate boys' basketball locker room in the gym, where they team frequently meets.

Scheduling of Games and Practice Times.

62. The District and the individual District Defendants discriminate against female student athletes in the scheduling of games. While males are assigned to the most popular, "prime time" slots – i.e., after 7:00 p.m. and on

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non-school nights – girls are assigned to the earlier, less desirable afternoon spots. Many parents of female basketball players have been unable to watch their daughters play because they cannot leave work in time to attend their games. As a result of the unequal scheduling, the gym is only about one-third full for girls' basketball games, depriving the girls of an audience as well as the opportunity to raise much needed funds through the sales of programs and concessions.

Publicity.

63. The District and the individual District Defendants consistently provide less publicity and support for their female student athletic teams than for their male student athletic teams, including cheerleaders, pep band, public address system, scoreboards, and videotaping. Such unequal distribution of publicity and support includes, but is not limited to, the fact that cheerleaders and pep band perform at varsity boys' basketball games, but not at girls' varsity basketball games.

Funding.

- 64. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the District and the individual District Defendants fail to provide necessary funds for female teams, and provide less money to support female athletes than to support male athletes.
- 65. The District and the individual District Defendants interfere with and fail to properly support fund raising for female athletes and their teams.

 FAILURE TO EFFECTIVELY ACCOMMODATE FEMALE STUDENTS' INTEREST AND ABILITIES IN ATHLETICS.
- 66. The District and the individual District Defendants have discriminated, and continue to discriminate, against female students by failing

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to provide them with equal athletic participation opportunities, despite their demonstrated athletic interest and abilities to participate in sports.

- 67. For the 2002-03 school year, girls were about 49 percent of the population at AHS; however, they received only 38 percent of the sports opportunities, despite having the interest and abilities to participate in greater numbers.
- 68. The failure to provide girls with participation opportunities substantially proportionate to their representation in AHS's student body, despite their interest and abilities to participate, has occurred without justification or defense by the District or the individual Defendants. The District has no history and continuing practice of expanding its athletic programs in response to the developing interests and abilities of female students.
- 69. Defendants' failure to provide adequate participation opportunities and the full range of teams for girls' sports severely limits girls' participation in sports and discourages interested girls from going out for sports.

Girls' Softball.

- 70. The District sponsors only two softball teams for female students at AHS (junior varsity and varsity), while it sponsors three baseball teams for boys (freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity). As a result, the District offers significantly more participation opportunities to boys than to girls.
- 71. Without a first-year softball team, 13 and 14-year-old freshmen and sophomore girls must compete for spots on the junior varsity and varsity teams against upper-class girls. Girls who need more seasoning before they are capable of performing at the junior varsity or varsity level are denied the opportunity to play. Upper-class girls are also affected by lack of adequate

participation opportunities. Younger girls with the skills and potential to be accepted into the upper level teams displace upper class girls.

72. These disparities have persisted at AHS despite the fact that in the past five years, the interest and abilities of girls trying out for softball has increased dramatically. For the 2002-2003 season, approximately 50 girls tried out for softball, but the coach had only 12 vacant available slots.

Girls' Basketball.

73. The District sponsors only three basketball teams for female students at AHS (frosh, junior varsity and varsity), but sponsors four boys' basketball teams (freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity). Despite the demonstrated interest and abilities of AHS female students to play basketball, girls are denied the opportunity to play basketball for lack of participation opportunities. As with girls who play softball, young female basketball players are denied the chance to develop their skills and, often, are discouraged from trying out in later years. Upper-class girls also have to be displaced to make opportunities available for talented freshman and sophomore female athletes.

Additional Girls' Sports.

74. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the District denies female student athletes equal athletic participation opportunities by failing to provide opportunities in additional girls' sports.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Unequal Treatment and Benefits in Athletic Programs in Violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Against Defendant Alhambra School District

75. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.

76. Title IX, enacted in 1972, provides in relevant part: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance ..." 20 U.S.C. § 1681(a).

77. Since the passage of Title IX, the District has received and continues to receive federal financial assistance and the benefits therefrom. Therefore, all programs in the Alhambra School District, including the athletic programs, are subject to the requirements of Title IX. 20 U.S.C. § 1687.

78. Title IX's implementing regulations provide that "No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics offered by a recipient, and the recipient shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis." 34 C.F.R. § 106.41(a).

79. Under Title IX, schools must provide "equal treatment and benefits" to members of both sexes in their athletic programs. 44 Federal Register 71,413 (1979), the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights' 1979 Policy Interpretation (the "Policy Interpretation").

80. Equal treatment and benefits is assessed based on an overall comparison of the male and female student athletic programs, including an analysis of the following factors, among other considerations: "The provision of equipment and supplies; Scheduling of games and practice time; Opportunity to receive coaching . . .; Assignment and compensation of coaches . . .; Provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities; Provision of . . . training facilities; Publicity" and a school's "failure to provide necessary funds

for teams for one sex." $34 \text{ C.F.R.} \ \ 106.41(c) \ \ (2) - (10)$.

- 81. The regulations required that sponsors of interscholastic athletics comply with the regulations within three years of their effective date, or by July 21, 1978. The regulations further require that sponsors of interscholastic athletics take such remedial actions as are necessary to overcome the effects of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. 34 C.F.R. §106.3(a).
- 82. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the District has not taken any recent remedial actions and that any remedial actions which the District has taken in the past thirty (30) years have been insufficient to satisfy the District's obligations under Title IX.
- 83. The District has intentionally violated Title IX by knowingly and deliberately discriminating against female students, including Plaintiffs, by, among other things, failing to provide female student athletes at AHS with treatment and benefits that are comparable to the treatment and benefits provided to male student athletes in areas including, but not limited to: practice and competitive facilities, training facilities, locker rooms, coaches and coaching facilities, scheduling of games and practice times, publicity, and funding.
- 84. The inequitable treatment of female and male student athletes at AHS, as detailed above, demonstrates the District's intentional and conscious failure to comply with Title IX. The District's conduct has persisted despite the information provided by and the requests made by Plaintiffs and other individuals, and despite the mandates of the relevant Title IX regulations, particularly 34 C.F.R. §§ 106.3 and 106.41, and the Policy Interpretation.
- 85. Plaintiffs and other individuals have informed the District that its actions constitute violations of Plaintiffs' Title IX rights. The District has failed

to remedy or address its violations.

- 86. As a proximate result of these unlawful acts, the Plaintiffs and others similarly situated have suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury.
- 87. The Plaintiffs and others similarly situated are entitled to relief, including declaratory relief and injunctive relief.
- 88. Counsel for the Plaintiffs and the proposed class of similarly situated individuals are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Unequal Participation Opportunities in Athletic Programs in Violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Against Defendant Alhambra School District

- 89. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
- 90. Under Title IX, schools must provide both sexes "equivalent participation opportunities (including both the number of opportunities and whether the selection of sports and the level of competition effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of members of both sexes)." 44 Federal Register 71,413, the Policy Interpretation.
- 91. Compliance in the area of equivalent participation opportunities must be determined by a three-part test:
 - (1) whether intercollegiate level participation opportunities for male and female students are provided in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments;
 - (2) where the members of one sex have been and are under-represented among intercollegiate athletes, whether the institution can show a history and continuing practice of program expansion which is demonstrably responsive to the developing interest and abilities of the members of that

sex; or

- (3) where the members of one sex are under-represented among intercollegiate athletes and the institution cannot show a continuing practice of program expansion such as that cited above, whether it can be demonstrated that the interests and abilities of the members of that sex have been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program.
- 44 Fed. Reg. 71,418, the Policy Interpretation. (Although the Policy Interpretation refers to "intercollegiate" sports, it is applicable to all recipients of federal education funds, including high schools and is thus, applicable to interscholastic high school sports as well as intercollegiate sports. 34 C.F.R. § 106.11.)
- 92. The District has failed to comply with each of the three (3) parts of the test for determining the equal opportunity to participate in athletics under Title IX. Specifically, Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the ratio of female to male athletes at AHS is not substantially proportionate to the overall ratio of enrolled female and male students at AHS and that the interests and abilities of the female students at AHS have not been fully and effectively accommodated by the present program. Further, the District cannot show "a history and continuing practice of program expansion which is demonstrably responsive to the developing interest and abilities" of AHS's female students.
- 93. Rather, female students have historically been and continue to be under-represented in AHS's athletics program. Despite this under-representation and despite the interest and abilities of the female students to participate on additional teams, the District has not adequately expanded its girls' athletics program as female students' interests and abilities have

demanded.

94. Plaintiffs, coaches, and parents have on numerous occasions informed the District that its actions discriminate against female students and that these actions constitute violations of Plaintiffs' Title IX rights to have their interest and abilities effectively accommodated. Despite the fact that these inequities have been drawn to the attention of the District, it has knowingly and consciously continued to fail and refuse to take any of the necessary actions to remediate existing violations, even though Title IX mandates that it do so. The fact that the District persists in refusing to provide these athletic participation opportunities demonstrates the District's intentional and conscious failure to comply with Title IX.

- 95. The District's conduct has persisted despite the information provided by and the requests made by Plaintiffs and other individuals and despite the mandates of federal anti-discrimination law.
- 96. As a proximate result of these unlawful acts, the Plaintiffs and others similarly situated have suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury.
- 97. The Plaintiffs and others similarly situated are entitled to relief, including declaratory relief and injunctive relief.
- 98. Such injunctive relief may include, but is not limited to, the provision of the full range of teams and participation slots in existing sports, with teams for freshmen, sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity-level female student athletes.
- 99. Counsel for the Plaintiffs and the proposed class of similarly situated individuals are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Sex-Based Discrimination in Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution 42 U.S.C. § 1983; Against the City of Alhambra and All Individual Defendants in Their Official Capacities

- 100. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
- 101. The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits state actors from discriminating on the basis of sex.
- 102. Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, certain Defendants may be held liable for their actions in violating Plaintiffs' rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.
- 103. By deciding to renovate Moor Field virtually exclusively for male athletes, the City and all individual Defendants have intentionally discriminated against the Plaintiffs, and against a class of female students at AHS, on the basis of sex and have intentionally deprived them of their rights to equal protection secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.
- 104. By failing to provide female student athletes with the same treatment and benefits as the male student athletes (as detailed above) and by failing to provide equal athletic participation opportunities for female students, the individual District Defendants have intentionally discriminated against female students, including the named Plaintiffs, on the basis of sex and have intentionally deprived them of their rights to equal protection secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.
- 105. Defendant LEE-SUNG, as the principal at AHS, has consistently failed and refused to add athletic participation opportunities for female students or to remedy the unequal treatment and benefits received by

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AHS's female student athletes – despite the numerous complaints made to him about these inequities. Therefore, Defendant LEE-SUNG's actions constitute a knowing disregard for Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

- 106. Defendants SANDOVAL, as Vice Principal, Business and Activities, has consistently failed and refused to add athletic participation opportunities for female students or to remedy the unequal treatment and benefits received by AHS's female student athletes – despite the numerous complaints made to him about these inequities. Defendant SANDOVAL's actions constitute a knowing disregard for Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.
- 107. Defendant TORRES, as Athletic Director at AHS, has failed and refused to add athletic participation opportunities for female students or to remedy the unequal treatment and benefits received by AHS's female student athletes – despite the numerous complaints made to him about these inequities. Defendant TORRES' actions constitute a knowing disregard for Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.
- 108. When the herein named Defendants engaged in the improper actions described above, they were acting as state actors and under color of law for purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and were acting in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.
- 109. As a proximate result of these unlawful acts, the Plaintiffs and others similarly situated have suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury.
- The Plaintiffs and others similarly situated are entitled to 110. relief, including declaratory relief and injunctive relief.
- 111. Counsel for the Plaintiffs and the proposed class of similarly situated individuals are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

1	FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Sex-Based Discrimination in Violation of				
2	Sex-Based Discrimination in Violation of Article I, Section 7 of the California State Constitution Against the Defendant City of Alhambra				
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4	112. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though				
5	fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.				
6	113. Article I, Section 7 of the California State Constitution				
7	prohibits public entities from engaging in sex-based discrimination.				
8	114. By deciding to renovate Moor Field virtually exclusively for				
9	male athletes, the Defendant City of Alhambra has intentionally discriminated				
10	against the Plaintiffs, and against a class of female students at AHS, on the				
11	basis of sex and has intentionally deprived them of their rights to equal				
12	protection secured by Article I, Section 7 of the California State Constitution.				
13	115. The City's actions are arbitrary and cannot be justified.				
14	116. As a proximate result of these unlawful acts, the Plaintiffs				
15	and others similarly situated have suffered and continue to suffer irreparable				
16	injury.				
17	117. The Plaintiffs and others similarly situated are entitled to				
18	relief, including declaratory relief and injunctive relief.				
19	118. Counsel for the Plaintiffs and the proposed class of similarly				
20	situated individuals are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.				
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22	FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Sex-Based Discrimination in Violation of				
23	California Government Code Section 11135 Against the Defendant City of Alhambra				
24	119. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though				
25	fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.				
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- 120. California Government Code § 11135(a) prohibits sex-based discrimination in "any program or activity that is conducted, operated, or administered by the state or by any state agency, is funded directly by the state, or receives any financial assistance from the state," and requires "full an equal access to the benefits" of any such program or activity.
- 121. By deciding to renovate Moor Field virtually exclusively for male athletes, the Defendant City of Alhambra has discriminated against the Plaintiffs, and against a class of female students at AHS, on the basis of sex and has thereby deprived them of the rights provided by Government Code § 11135.
- 122. As a proximate result of these unlawful acts, the Plaintiffs have suffered injury.
- 123. The Plaintiffs are entitled to relief, including declaratory relief and injunctive relief.
- 124. Counsel for the Plaintiffs and the proposed class of similarly situated individuals are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

DECLARATORY RELIEF ALLEGATIONS

- 125. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
- 126. A present and actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants concerning their rights and respective duties. The Plaintiffs contend that the Defendants have violated their rights, and the rights of those similarly situated, under federal and state anti-discrimination laws. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the Defendants deny these allegations. Declaratory relief is therefore necessary and appropriate.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF ALLEGATIONS

- 127. Plaintiffs restate and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
- 128. No plain, adequate, or complete remedy at law is available to the Plaintiffs to redress the wrongs addressed herein.
- 129. If the Court does not grant the injunctive relief sought herein, the Plaintiffs, and others similarly situated, will be irreparably harmed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiffs respectfully pray that this Court:

- (1) Certify the proposed class of plaintiffs.
- (2) Enter an order declaring that the District has discriminated against female students on the basis of sex in violation of Title IX and the regulations promulgated thereunder (including both unequal treatment and benefits and unequal participation opportunities);
- (3) Enter an order declaring that the Defendant City and the individual Defendants have discriminated against female students on the basis of sex in violation of the Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution as enforced by 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- (4) Enter an order declaring that Defendant City has discriminated against female students on the basis of sex in violation of Article I, section 7 of the California State Constitution and in violation of California Government Code § 11135;
- (5) Issue a permanent injunction restraining the Defendants and their officers, agents, employees, successors, and any other persons acting in concert with them, from discriminating against female students on the basis of sex;

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- (6) Issue a permanent injunction requiring Defendants to remediate their violations of state and federal laws prohibiting sex discrimination by, among other required actions, providing female student athletes with treatment and benefits comparable to those provided to male athletes, and affording female students the equal opportunity to participate in school-sponsored sports;
- (7) Award counsel for Plaintiffs reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, Cal. Civil Proc. Code § 1021.5, and any other applicable provisions of federal and state law; and
 - (8) Order such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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