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6 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

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DEREK STEINORTH (collectively, "DISTRCT")

8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 MARIELLE WILLIAMSON, by and through her  
12 father, BENNETT WILLIAMSON, for herself and  
13 on behalf of ANIMAL AWARENESS CLUB, a  
14 student organization; PHYSICIANS  
COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE,  
a nonprofit membership organization,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 vs.

17 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
18 AGRICULTURE; LOS ANGELES UNIFIED  
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT; JOSE P. HUERTA, Region  
20 East Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified  
21 School District; TONY CORTEZ, Administrator  
for Eagle Rock/Highland Park Community of  
Schools, Los Angeles Unified School District;  
DEREK STEINORTH, Principal of Eagle Rock  
Junior/Senior High School, Los Angeles Unified  
School District,

22 Defendants.

Case No. 2:23-CV-03307-MRW

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN  
PLAINTIFFS AND LAUSD DEFENDANTS**

Complaint served: May 23, 2023  
Current response date: Sept. 21, 2023  
New response date: Oct. 6, 2023

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

THIS IS TO PROVIDE NOTICE that Plaintiffs MARIELLE WILLIAMSON, by and through her father, BENNETT WILLIAMSON, for herself and on behalf of ANIMAL AWARENESS CLUB, a student organization; and PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE, a nonprofit membership organization (all plaintiffs, collectively, “Plaintiffs”), and Defendants LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT; JOSE P. HUERTA, Region East Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District; TONY CORTEZ, Administrator for Eagle Rock/Highland Park Community of Schools, Los Angeles Unified School District; and DEREK STEINORTH, Principal of Eagle Rock Junior/Senior High School, Los Angeles Unified School District, (all defendants, collectively, “LAUSD Defendants” and with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”) have reached a settlement in this matter.

As a result, the Parties therefore respectfully request that the Court vacate all pending deadlines or hearings in this matter pertaining to the LAUSD Defendants, including those emanating from the Order to Show Cause issued by the Court on today’s date, October 11, 2023.

Having reached settlement, the Parties are currently in the process of memorializing the terms of settlement in a written agreement to be executed by the Parties, and approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Governing Board as deemed necessary. Upon completion of those steps, the Parties will file a stipulation with the Court pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to dismiss the LAUSD Defendants and close out the case with respect to the LAUSD Defendants only.

Dated: October 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Corey Page (as authorized via email on 10/11/23)

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Dated: October 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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