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6	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
7	B.S. a minor, by and through his) Case No.: 245MCV00285		
8	parent and guardian BRIAN SELEM,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES,		
9	Plaintiffs,) DECLARATORY, AND) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF		
10	v.) INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF		
11	LOS ANGELES UNIFIED) EMOTIONAL DISTRESS,) NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER		
12	SCHOOL DISTRICT, VENICE HIGH SCHOOL	SE AND 815.6; BANE ACT / GOV'T CODE § 815.2;		
13	Defendants. Defendants. Defendants.			
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15	<u>INTROI</u>	DUCTION		
16	1. BRIAN SELEM, a parent, who has convictions regarding human			
17	sexuality and permanent mental health and psychological conditions from homosexual			
18	abuse he suffered as a young adult, files this complaint pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc.			
19	Code § 411.10 and Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 350 against The LOS ANGELES			
20	UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.			
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2. The LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S teachers, school administrators, and consultants committed intentional torts against Brian and his son, violated California statutory law, and acted with negligence.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County has general personal jurisdiction over the defendant as a public entity created by the county government with its main office located at 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017 and having control over Venice High School, also a public entity, located at 13000 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066.
- 4. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Cal Const, Art. VI § 10.
- 5. The Superior Court of Los Angeles County is the proper venue because the school district is located within the county and managed by the Board of Education whose members are elected by each district's residents according to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 394.

LIABILITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLAIMS PROCEDURE ACT

- 6. The Los Angeles Unified School District can be held liable and is not immune per Cal. Gov't Code § 945.
- 7. Both Mr. Selem and B.S. complied with the claim's procedure requirements under Cal. Gov't Code § 945.4 by filing claims on March 30, 2023, and are provided in Exhibit A.

1	8. The claims were denied by the County on May 25, 2023, as shown in
2	Exhibit B.
3	<u>PARTIES</u>
4	Plaintiffs
5	9. Plaintiff, BRIAN SELEM, is the father of B.S. and J.S., who both have
6	attended or currently attend VENICE HIGH SCHOOL.
7	10. B.S. is Mr. Selem's son and the one whose teacher refused to remove the
8	LGBTQ flag and brought in the Restorative Justice speaker in retaliation for asking
9	for an accommodation and then chose to make disparaging remarks and embarrass
10	both the father and son in front of the whole class.
11	Defendants
12	11. Defendant, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
13	(LAUSD) operates public schools, one of which B.S. attends. The LAUSD is a
14	governmental actor because it was created under the California Education Code §
15	35010 and shall be under control of either the board of school trustees or a board of
16	education. The board prescribes and enforces the rules consistent with the law of
17	California. The LAUSD is controlled by the Board of Education.
18	12. Defendant, VENICE HIGH SCHOOL, is a public school operated and
19	controlled by the LAUSD.
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FACTS

- 13. Mr. Selem was homosexually abused by a group who were male from the time he was seventeen until he was twenty years old. He estimates he was homosexually raped between eight and twenty times, as an exact estimation is difficult due to his being drugged beforehand. These past experiences impacted his entire life because he has lived with constant mental anguish emotional distress, and repression from being homosexually raped.
- 14. B.S. understands LGBT activism forces participation in their advocacy. Which is advocacy for homosexual behavior and laws and policies that put boys and young men in harm's way of homosexual assault and grooming.
- 15. Mr. Selem is undergoing the process of seeing a mental health professional to obtain a formal diagnosis for his mental trauma which causes severe anxiety, depression, and other psychological symptoms and ailments.
 - 16. His son, B.S., is aware of this abuse.
 - 17. B.S. started at Venice High School as a student pupil in 2021.
 - 18. B.S. is now in the eleventh grade.
- 19. At Venice High School Parent Night on September 8, 2022, Mr. Selem saw a LGBTQ flag in his son's classroom.
- 20. The LGBTQ flag was and is deeply psychologically and emotionally triggering for Mr. Selem because it promotes a lifestyle that was the source of his teenage and young adult abuse.

	21.	Mr. Selem explained his concerns about the flag with the teacher and
offe	ered to	share his traumatic experiences with SAMANTHA KLINE about being
sexu	ıally ab	used.

- 22. Mr. Selem asked the Teacher about the flag to confirm what it was. Ms. Kline asked if Mr. Selem had a problem with it and as Mr. Selem was beginning to note that he thought it was not appropriate. Ms. Kline said she would take down the flag. As Mr. Selem was leaving Ms. Kline shared a smirk with a colleague of hers. The next day B.S. confirmed that the flag was up. Mr. Selem's wife later asked Ms. Kline to cover up or remove the flag.
- 23. Ms. Kline told Mr. Selem she would take down the flag at the meeting, and then failed to do so.
- 24. Ms. Kline, as an agent and employee of the LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT discriminated against B.S. and his son by refusing to accommodate this request.
- 25. Shortly after this, Ms. Kline brought in Ms. Karen DeCosta Rowley-Brooks who is a former outside consultant, and now the Restorative Justice teacher, to disparage and demonize Mr. Selem and B.S. rather than accommodating Mr. Selem and his pupil son's request to cover up the flag because of the intense mental and emotional triggering it causes.
- 26. The teacher did not notify parents before bringing in this unapproved speaker.

- 27. The next day Mr. Selem learned that the flag was still up and called the guidance counselor, JENNIFER VICTORIN, to set up a meeting. The guidance counselor called the Assistant Principal, RICHARD VALERIO.
- 28. Mr. Selem's wife, HEIDI SELEM, emailed Ms. Kline and explained the issue and asked the flag to be covered on September 28th, 2022.
- 29. Mr. Selem and his son were embarrassed and demonized by the Restorative Justice speaker because Mr. Selem had asked the teacher to take down the LGBTQ flag.
- 30. The teacher was presented with Mr. Selem's concern based on Mr. Selem's sociological views and trauma and understanding of the effects of LGBTQ activism. Mr. Selem expressed his concerns over the flag and offered to meet Ms. Kline at a later time to let her know of Mr. Selem's own personal experiences and trauma the activism causes.
- 31. The Restorative Justice consultant used the opportunity to chastise the class and ridicule Mr. Selem for opposing the teacher's view on homosexuality and transgenderism. Previously Mr. Selem noted that none of this should be spoken about with B.S. or presented to him in anyway.
- 32. Mr. Selem and B.S. were both humiliated in class when the Restorative Justice speaker shamed the father and others for having any issues with the LGBTQ flag in the classroom.

- 33. The LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT employed Ms. Kline and can be held liable for her actions under an agency theory.
- 34. Mr. Selem met with the school Vice Principal RICHARD VALERIO and Guidance Counselor JENNIFER VICTORIN to share Mr. Selem experiences and request for accommodation for the LGBTQ flag to be covered on September 19, 2022.
- 35. Mr. Selem met with Ms. Victorin and Mr. Valerio, who took notes and refused to comment. Mr. Selem informed them about his concerns regarding the LGBTQ flag, its relation to his traumatic experiences in childhood, and how it distresses his son who is aware of the abuse and is sitting in a classroom. Mr. Selem offered to have a conversation with people of authority as well about his accommodation request.
- These two only referred Mr. Selem to the Diversity Department. Vice 36. Principal Valerio reached out to Mr. Selem the next day September 20th and told him to email the Diversity Department at LAUSD. They did not refer Mr. Selem to the Department until the next day.
- 37. Mr. Selem met with the Principal on October 14, 2022, after the Vice Principals Richard Valerio and Emily Bautista and the guidance counselor took no corrective action.

- 38. Principal Cynthia Headrick denied Mr. Selem's request for a transcript of the Restorative Justice speaker's agenda or for more details on the background of the speaker.
- 39. The principal also refused to answer emails from Mr. Selem's wife requesting more details on the Restorative Justice speaker Karen DeCosta Rowley-Brooks who berated their son and Mr. Selem in the class.
- 40. Mr. Selem found non-age-appropriate sexual education materials in both of his sons' homework and was appalled at sheets discussing anal sex, oral sex, and the like for children in middle school.
- 41. The next day Mr. Selem learnt that the flag was up again and called the guidance counselor, Ms. Victorin, to set up a meeting. The guidance counselor called the Assistant Principal, Mr. Valerio.
- 42. On September 19, 2022, Mr. Selem met with Ms. Victorin and Mr. Valerio, who took notes and refused to comment. Mr. Selem informed them of his concerns with the LGBTQ flag, its relation to his traumatic experiences, and its effects on his son who is aware of that experience. Mr. Selem offered to have a conversation with people of authority over these topics to discuss his trauma and his request to remove the LGBTQ flag from the classroom.
- 43. Mr. Selem received a call from Mr. Valerio, noting to contact the school Diversity Department via email.

- 44. The school officials had actual knowledge of Mr. Selem's abuse and trauma he suffered by men who are party to LGBTQ activism. The school officials also knew that B.S. was aware of the distressing and disturbing experiences of his father being raped multiple times by homosexuals as a teenager and young adult.
- 45. Mr. Selem was demeaned by the Restorative Justice speaker in front of the whole class and his son. The words were provocative and hurtful, causing B.S. to feel embarrassed and humiliated.
- 46. Mr. Selem met with the Principal, CYNTHIA HEADRICK, to discuss the unjust and unaccommodating situation the school put him and his son in. It was noted to the Principal that Mr. Selem's son was not to have any sexualize material, sexual discussions nor imagery including the LGBT flags and symbols presented to him.
- 47. Ms. Headrick acknowledged what happened was wrong and deferred Mr. Selem to the Diversity Department.
- 48. Mr. Selem asked for the transcript of the unapproved talk by the Restorative Justice consultant to see the content but was refused.
- 49. Mr. Selem's wife had correspondence with Ms. Kline, in which she informed the English teacher about Mr. Selem's prior abuse and asked the teacher to cover the LGBTQ flag, at least when Mr. Selem's son was in the class. That request was also ignored by Samantha Kline and denied by Principal Headrick.

56.	The actions of the LAUSD have been, and continue to be, done under
the color of	law.

- 57. Defendants violated that right by exposing B.S. to hyper sexualized material against the father's expressed wishes that they are not exposed to LGBTQ messaging and propaganda.
- 58. Examples of this include all kinds of surveys and documents with inappropriate sexualized content including surveys asking about anal sex.
- 59. Defendants also violated that right when the teacher refused to take down the LGBTQ flag, or cover it, albeit even if only when Mr. Selem's son was coming to that class.
- 60. Defendants have no legitimate or compelling interest in removing the ability for Mr. and Mrs. Selem to control the upbringing of their children or in sexualizing children or in brainwashing them to accept lifestyles which go against the natural order.
- 61. Venice High School failed to correct the actions of its teacher when notified that she was infringing on Mr. Selem's rights to control the upbringing of his children and to prevent his son from psychological harm caused by the LGBTQ flag and the loss of innocence from being exposed to sexual ideas and descriptions not age appropriate, some of which borderline on sodomy.
- 62. Venice High School also infringed on Mr. Selem's right to control the upbringing of his son by refusing his requests that B.S. not be exposed to the

1	distress over reliving his rapes as a young adult and the trauma it causes other young
2	men who are experiencing the same trauma.
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5	VIOLATION OF § 51101
6	69. Venice High School violated the Mr. and Mrs. Selem's parental rights "to
7	observe the classroom," "to have a school environment for their child that is safe and
8	supportive of learning," "to examine the curriculum materials," and "to receive
9	information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and
10	to deny permission to give the test." Cal. Educ. Code § 51101 (a)(1)(7)(8)(13).
11	70. This failure to uphold their parental rights has caused great emotional
12	suffering to Mr. Selem and B.S. because both are triggered by content affiliated with
13	the LGBTQ movement.
14	71. This has also caused B.S. to come to school thinking of his father's sexual
15	abuse and rape and then causing his father to have PTSD flare ups when he brings
16	home the sexual content and discusses his activities at home with his father.
17	72. Therefore, the defendants were negligent per se because of the breach of
18	this duty.
19	VIOLATION OF § 51933
20	73. The defendants violated § 51933 and 51934 by bringing in the restorative
21	justice speaker who was neither "medically objective" nor "age appropriate" and the
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instruction from the outside restorative justice speaker was not appropriate for children of all backgrounds, disabilities, and sexual orientations as the speaker discriminated against those with PTSD and heterosexuals. Cal. Educ. Code § 51933 (a), (b), (d)(1).

- 74. The speaker caused Mr. Selem and B.S. much distress and triggered a weeklong episode for Mr. Selem and made his son feel unwelcome in his own classroom.
- 75. Therefore, the defendants were negligent per se because of their breach of this duty.

VIOLATION OF § 51937

- 76. The defendants violated § 51937 when refusing to uphold the parents' right to control the upbringing of their children which included when and how to expose them to sexual content at school by refusing to take down the LGBTQ flag in B.S.' classroom.
- 77. The school also violated this statute by failing to excuse B.S. from class when speakers are discussing LGBTQ issues.
- 78. This failure to honor these requests caused Mr. Selem much mental harm and suffering from being exposed to the LGBTQ flag and from the constant exposure at home whenever his children would bring home the surveys and flyers encouraging promiscuous and unnatural behavior.

79. Therefore, the defendants were negligent per se because of its breach of this duty.

VIOLATION OF § 51938

- 80. Mr. Selem submitted a notice requesting his son be exempted from any sexual education and assessments related to that education. During 7th Grade Mr. Selem noted to B.S' English Teacher that B.S. is not to be exposed to any sexual material including images nor conversation as well as to any activism. On February 9th 2022 an email was sent that another one of Mr. Selem's sons is not to be exposed to sexual material or conversations. On September 19th, 2022, in the presences of Ms. Victorin and Mr. Valerio Mr. Selem noted that B.S. is not to be exposed to any sexual material including images nor conversation as well as to any activism. On October 9th, 2022, Mr. Selem emailed on behalf of his other son that B.S. is not to be exposed to sexual material or conversation, On October 14th in the presence of Principal Headrick and Vice Principal Batista Mr. Selem noted again that B.S. is not to be exposed to any sexual material including images nor conversation as well as to any activism such as the LGBTQ flag.
- California Education Code § 51938 requires the school to notify parents 81. about instruction in comprehensive sexual education and must notify them of their right to excuse the child from sexual education in writing.

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- 82. LAUSD failed to notify Mr. Selem within the fourteen days prior as required by statute that there would be an outside speaker coming to B.S.' classroom to promote the LGBTQ agenda.
- 83. This speaker was there to demonize those opposing it, especially those that have been a witness to homosexual rape and grooming.
- 84. LAUSD is required to notify the parents about instruction in comprehensive sexual education. It must provide the date of the instruction.
- 85. Mr. Selem submitted a notice demanding his son be excused from sexual content. In the spring of 2021, Mr. Selem's son was lectured on the Unity Series by one of the teachers, which included sexual topics, after Mr. Selem submitted a notice to excuse his child from any sexual education.
- 86. LAUSD and its actors were on notice of such a request and still allowed the teacher to talk to B.S. on topics his parents did not approve of and had been excused from by the parents' demands in notifications sent to the school.
- 87. Further, § 51938 allows the school to conduct voluntary and anonymous research to measure students' public health behaviors with the use of tests, surveys, and questionnaires with questions about their attitudes relating to sex. However, the school district must notify the parents in writing about the occurrence of such tests.
- 88. The school administered the surveys after Mr. Selem directed that his son be excused from participating in such surveys.

8	9. The statut	e requires the scho	ol district t	o notify pa	rents of the	
compre	hensive sexual e	education to be pre-	sented to al	llow parent	es time to sub	omit a
written	request to remo	ve their student pu	pil from th	is instruction	on.	

- 90. Mr. and Mrs. Selem have never received prior notice as required per this statute to discussions of sexual content at school or teachers administering surveys and questionnaires on sexual habits.
- 91. Mr. and Mrs. Selem submitted multiple written notices over the years, notifying the school and the principal that B.S. was not authorized to be exposed to sexual content. All notifications were not in writing.
- 92. However, the school allowed the teacher to pursue discussion on sexual topics with B.S. in the classroom. It also allowed the sexual habits and preferences surveys to be given to him after his parents informed the school it was not allowed to do so. It administered a questionnaire involving sexual education in B.S.' classroom.
- 93. Therefore, the LAUSD violated the California Education Code § 51938 as it failed to adhere to its provisions.
- 94. This failure to abide by the statute caused emotional trauma and embarrassment to B.S. and Mr. Selem and further caused irreparable interference with the parent-child relationship.

VIOLATION OF § 51939

95. The school district was required by statute to exempt the Selem children from any sexualized content at the request of the parents and failed to do so.

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- 110. LAUSD school personnel who stood in *loco parentis* to B.S. owed him a duty to provide him a safe learning environment and were granted authority to take reasonable steps to protect him.
- 111. These duties would have included being respectful of his parents' wishes to be accommodated due to the intense mental and emotional triggering the LGBTQ flag and homosexual content cause B.S. and his father.
- 112. The school district also failed to supervise its teachers who never sent parental notifications regarding extra speakers, surveys, and lectures on sexual topics prior to their being delivered to the students.
- 113. LAUSD is vicariously liable for breach of a duty by its school personnel.
- 114. The school must have exercised the degree of care a person of ordinary prudence would exercise under the circumstances. Mr. Selem shared his concerns about the LGBTQ flag due to his traumatic experiences with the school principal, the English teacher, assistant principals, and a counselor. They were all on notice of his issues with the LGBTQ flag and met with Mr. Selem on several occasions to discuss that issue.
- 115. They also knew that B.S. was aware of his father's experience and that when visiting school during the "Parent Night," his father respectfully asked the teacher to take the LGBTQ flag down with witnesses present, some of whom

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1	1	as to whether the LAUSD is complying with				
2	California Educati 51934, 51937, 519	ion Code sections: 49091, 51100, 51101, 51933, 38, 51939, 56046;				
3	5. Preliminary and po comply with Calife	5. Preliminary and permanent injunctions requiring the Defendants to comply with California Education Code sections: 49091, 51100, 51101, 51933, 51934, 51937, 51938, 51939, 56046;				
4	6. Injunctive relief re	equiring all LGBTQ flags and other LGBTQ				
5	unless the district	allowed any longer in classrooms in the LAUSD is going to allow all flags and symbolism of				
6	countering viewpo 7. Reasonable attorn	oints to be hung in classrooms. eys' fees;				
7	8. Costs of suit; 9. Grant Plaintiffs su	ach additional or alternative relief as the Court				
8	deems just and pro	oper.				
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5	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
6	Plaintiffs request a trial by jury for all causes of action where the court
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