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16-year old girl, who faced harassment by an aggressive FUSD trustee, bravely shares her story in court

Fresno, CA (October 7, 2019) –Today, attorney Aida Macedo, represented a brave 16-year-old girl who faced harassment by Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) trustee Terry Slatic in a civil restraining order hearing. Aida Macedo said, “Our justice system is here to protect the most vulnerable. My client’s bravery in having the courage to seek legal protection from harassment by a FUSD trustee should be applauded by the Fresno community. A 16-year old should not carry the burden of standing up to a grown man’s abuse of power.”

When a school environment experiences incidents of blackface and racist slurs, every member in our community should be alarmed. At Bullard High School, those incidents were not isolated and bring up a painful history in Fresno of deeply rooted systemic racism. Our client, a child, was not the one who made racial slurs. She was not the one who wore blackface. Yet, she is the one who has been harassed by an adult man who holds a position of power and has wielded that power to intimidate children.

When adults failed to protect her, our 16-year-old client courageously took the step of filing a restraining order against a powerful man who has successfully bullied adults. It has been a draining, emotional, and mentally exhausting journey for our client. Standing up to an adult bully is not easy. Fresno School Board members should be enhancing students’ experiences on campuses via policy-making and creating safe learning environments instead of creating a hostile and dangerous environment for all involved.

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