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To: Ethnic Studies
Cc: [emails redacted]; Superintendent
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Arab-American Studies in the CA ESMC

I'm writing in support of a strong California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum that includes Arab American Studies. Anti-Muslim and anti-Arab American political rhetoric, violence, and other acts of hate are, as I'm sure you know, at unacceptable levels in the United States today. A strong Arab American Studies component to the ESMC would be an important counter to that.

As a Ph.D. student in cultural anthropology at the University of California (and as an aspiring future professor), I personally see the need to have a strong California educational curriculum to counter Islamophobic ignorance among California students, so that they enter our UC university system with adequate cultural preparation for the multicultural educational and work environments that they will find in contemporary California.

Thank you very much for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
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