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Subject: CFIRD Urged to Adopt Safeguards to Ensure State-Sponsored Curricula May Never Be Hijacked for Political Indoctrination Against Any Group

Dear CRIFD Personnel:

I am a Full Professor of Sociology at Mt. San Jacinto College, where I have worked for 20 years. My special area is ETHNIC STUDIES. I have never been more disgusted by the attempt to politicize education and especially, to institutionalize anti-Semitism in California schools. This must be stopped!

Due to grave concerns about the recent politicization of a proposed Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum by its drafters for antisemitic and anti-Israel indoctrination, it's clear that it is not enough for the California Department of Education to merely mandate a re-write of the current draft's curriculum - the problem is much bigger than one curriculum.

I join many others in urging you to prevent any future attempts to hijack our state's educational curricula by establishing robust safeguards capable of ensuring that the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, and all other state-sponsored curricula and instructional materials, may not be created or used as tools of political indoctrination that promote hatred and incite harm against any race, religion, group or individual.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this crucial matter.

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