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I urge you to take a hard look at how the model curriculum handles American Jewry. Having spent the last decade watching the Ethnic Studies Program develop I have marveled at the inclusive nature of curriculum in my district (LAUSD) and others like El Rancho under the tutelage of Jose Lara, a school board member who gets it.

The model should be celebrating our diversity, all of us, telling all of the stories, clearly, with truth being the guiding factor.

As a classroom teacher, I depend on you to approach this in a fair and open way and to adopt programs and curriculums that give me the framework to explain the world, warts and all, to my students.

Thank you for your time

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