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To: Ethnic Studies

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Subject: Public Comment on the Draft 2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Hello,

I live in San Diego, California, where I hope to raise my children, and so I am thrilled to see the expansion of the Arab American and other ethnic studies curricula in our schools.

Please find attached my complete input form to provide Public Comment on the Draft 2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum.

Happy Tuesday,
Oren

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Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

(Download and use to provide specific recommendations)

Include the chapter of the model curriculum, the page number, and line number(s) to ensure that the California Department of Education and Instructional Quality Commission can reference the content of the document when reviewing your comments. Please email this document as a Word document to ethnicstudies@cde.ca.gov. You may contact Kenneth McDonald, Education Programs Consultant, at kmcdonal@cde.ca.gov with any questions regarding this template or the public input process.

Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
General	<i>Oren Robinson, Jewish Voice for Peace San Diego</i>	<p>I support the inclusion of Arab American studies as part of the ethnic studies curriculum in California. As referenced on page 1, Arabs and Pacific Islanders are particularly marginalized communities that are not well represented in current course offerings.</p> <p>I support the objectives listed on page 233 which clearly outline the benefits of teaching the diverse history of Arabs and Arab Americans as a way to challenge xenophobia and discrimination and to create a welcoming environment for marginalized students.</p> <p>Including a history of migration to the US (page 236) is necessary for any marginalized community, and in particular for Arab Americans at this time. Teaching this history will help create a bridge between migrant communities and celebrate a rich history of a growing population.</p> <p>Note: Talking about Arab Americans is NOT antisemitic!</p>

