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**To:** Ethnic Studies

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Calling for greater revisions of the Ethnic Studies Model

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education:  
We are calling upon additional improvements in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum which we feel is unbalanced and biased toward both Jewish and Israeli history and contributions. The purpose of this effort should be to present a balanced view of ethnic studies while promoting greater multicultural understanding and positive solutions for change. High school students attending this course could be placed in a very uncomfortable and confrontational situation if either side is denigrated or made to feel "less than." As grandparents with children that will be attending high school in San Jose, we urge you to revise the curriculum that presents the positive contributions of all groups and allow for dialogue that will create greater understanding while eliminating unfair stereotypes of any of the groups. Thanks for your consideration.  
Bob and Arlene Lapidus (residents of San Jose)