

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

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Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
Arab Studies	Binya Kóatz, IfNotNow Bay Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>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. As a Jewish resident of the Bay Area, and a child of immigrants, it's deeply important that our educational institutions offer a vocal counterbalance to the islamophobic hatred of our times, and provide positive, deep and thorough education around the beauty of our Arab siblings.</i></li></ul>