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To: Ethnic Studies

Cc: Superintendent; [emails redacted]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] INCLUDE ARAB AMERICAN STUDIES IN CA ETHNIC STUDIES CURRICULUM

To who it may concern,

My name is Elsa Contreras and I am a third year doctor of occupational therapy student at Samuel Merritt University. As a San Francisco native, and as someone who received a minor in Ethnic studies from Humboldt State University, I value that voices of ALL ethnic and Indigenous peoples be included in California Ethnic Studies curriculum. As a Mexican-Salvadoran America, I value global solidarity, which includes learning the histories of other ethnic groups and DEMAND that Arab American Studies be included in California Ethnic Studies Curriculum. As a future occupational therapist who will embark on international relations and fighting for occupational justice for all marginalized groups, I urge you to not silence the history of our Arab sisters and brothers within California Ethnic Studies curriculum.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elsa Contreras