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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Ethnic Studies - including Arab American Studies - vital to health

Good afternoon,

As a nurse and faculty of the Department of Nursing at CSU East Bay, I am advocating for the institutionalized presence of Arab American Studies - and Ethnic Studies at large - in our institutions of education. Knowledge of history and living legacies supports self-determination and demonstrates the importance of movement building. Both of these are vital to health and wellness. I advocate that any revisions made that would affect Arab American studies be made in collaboration and full partnership and transparency with Arab American scholars and practitioners of Ethnic Studies.

Thank you for your time.

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