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Hello.

I am writing to say that I am a STRONG SUPPORTER of Arab American Studies in the schools. I am a grandmother whose grandson will be attending school starting next year, and my two sons also attended public schools in San Francisco. I am a retired Registered Nurse, and a homeowner and I vote and try to participate in our community governance.

Ethnic studies (ESMC) are some of the most important classes that can be offered in the U.S. The U.S. has one of the most diverse populations, and it is more important now than ever to teach all of us about each other, to counterbalance the traditional normalizing and promoting of perspectives historically offered and which are skewed by a White Supremacist viewpoint.

In this polarized world full of disinformation about the Arab World, and Islamophobia, it is more important than ever that students get real information. The United States is deteriorating into a free for all of white supremacists terrorizing people of color. We must do all we can to stop this violence and hate, and ethnic studies and learning about each other is one of the best ways.

THERE IS NOTHING ANTISEMITIC ABOUT HAVING INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY AND PRACTICE IN ISRAEL, AND THE PLIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. I am Jewish and I unequivocally state my support for Arab American Studies to be taught and to include this very real history of the Middle East.

If there are any changes to be made to any curriculum, it is imperative that Arab American scholars and Ethnic Studies teachers be included and consensus reached.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
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