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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save Arab American Studies

Hello,

I am a resident of Alameda County. I support the ESMC, including Arab American Studies.

Ethnic studies are terribly important. They have always been. I am a high school science teacher and I know how important it is to weave ethnic studies into my classes.

The racial disparities in the impact of Covid-19, the xenophobic targeting of Asian Americans as “vectors” of disease, and the national uprising in response to the murder of George Floyd point to the need for anti-racist education: All students need Ethnic Studies in their K-12 curriculum to build empathy, unity and solidarity with each other, strengthening our movements for justice.

Thank you,
Neha