

From: Gwyer Schuyler

Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 7:12 PM

To: Ethnic Studies

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Subject: I want to express my support of California AB2016 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Dear California Instructional Quality Commission and State Board of Education,

I hold my doctorate in Education from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Counseling. Based on my background in counseling and education and my work at Santa Barbara City College as an academic counselor, I feel strongly that Ethnic Studies is an important and valuable area of study and helps all students better understand themselves and those around them. I am deeply concerned that the efforts to develop the Ethnic Studies curriculum are being undermined by people who are racist, sexist, homophobic, and xenophobic. I think it is very important that we stand strong against these forces and that we celebrate our state's diverse population. Everyone deserves to study their history and culture -- our state curriculum should reflect that inclusivity.

Please do not give in to the critics of the state Ethnic Studies curriculum. While I fully support a close analysis of the content by qualified faculty and content experts, I am adamant that including Ethnic Studies in the curriculum is a very positive step that will benefit all students.

Sincerely,

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