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General	Lisa Miller	<p>I am writing to oppose the curriculum on Arab Americans that includes a reference to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) as “a global social movement that currently aims to establish freedom for Palestinians living under apartheid conditions.” As a parent of a senior high school student and a junior high school student, a former educator, and a Jew, I find this curriculum offensive. I think it is a great idea to have students learn about other cultures through an ethnic studies course. However, when you force students to learn things that are inflammatory, you encourage them and others to develop racist ideologies, and in this case, specifically, Anti-Semitic views. I believe that is the exact opposite of what is your purpose in teaching ethnic studies.</p> <p>In addition, the exclusion of any discussion of Anti-Semitism or the contributions of Jewish Americans to the state of California and our nation is a disservice to the future leaders you are helping to educate.</p> <p>I ask that you reconsider the curriculum that you are proposing to remove discussions of BDS and include discussions of Anti-Semitism and Jewish contributions in America.</p>