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To: Ethnic Studies
Subject: Anti-Semitism in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,
I am upset by the proposed and unbalanced Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I support the idea of teaching an ethnic studies class, but urge you to make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, consistent with the recommendations from the California Legislative Jewish Caucus letter, Stand With Us, Jimena, Amcha and others.

As a parent of Jewish children in the PAUSD, and as a member of the clergy of Congregation Beth Am, I want my children and young congregants to feel known and safe and heard in their schools.

The proposed curriculum misses the mark in so many ways.

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- Here are some examples:
- Jews have been excluded from ethnic groups mentioned,
- Anti-Semitism has been excluded from hate crimes/discrimination even though half of religious-based hate crimes in the United States are against Jews,
- The divisive BDS movement, which seeks to erase the state of Israel, is included with no balancing perspective,
- and most troubling, a song with language that suggests Jews control the media is included in the curriculum.

I urge you to make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum to address these concerns.

Thank you,
Cantor Jaime Shpall