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As an SF State Professor emerita from the Department of Modern Languages, I understand clearly the importance of Arab American studies. We had many students petitioning for this to be part of our curriculum, particularly in the wake of 2001, when discrimination against Arabs increased in the Bay Area. It is vital that students understand this part of the world, and know that it is not anti-Semitic or anti-Jewish or anti-Israel to understand what is going on in the Arab world.

Our students need to be prepared to be full citizens of California, the United States and the world community, and education about Arab Americans is a vital part of that. I urge you to include Arab American studies in the curriculum.

Sincerely,

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