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**To:** Ethnic Studies

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ETHNIC STUDIES MODEL CURRICULUM

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,

I am appreciative of the improvements in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC), but I still remain concerned about by the present Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum.

Here are my major concerns . It continues to lack reference to Mizrachi and other Jews of color. It continues to subtly advocate for virulently anti-Israel pro BDS sites that include malicious slander about imaginary genocide. It is also essential that there is a lesson plan, "Antisemitism as the Middle Eastern American Jews, covering contemporary issues of antisemitism, bigotry, and the Middle Eastern -American Jewish experience produced by JIMENA: Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North America.

As a parent of a high school student, I believe fair representation of all ethnic groups is essential to the repair of divisions that exist in our society.

I there for ask you to make significant revisions of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum to address these concerns.

Thank you,

Ilene Simon Solomon