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**To:** Ethnic Studies

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of including Arab American Studies in CA Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

To the IQC:

As a resident of Oakland, Ca and a Jewish American I am writing to ask you to PLEASE KEEP the ethnic studies model curriculum INTACT with Arab American Studies within the rubric of Asian American studies. Any revisions of the Arab American studies curriculum should be made in collaboration with Arab American scholars and Ethnic Studies practitioners. Arab American studies including the history and current struggles in Palestine must be included.

As a member of Jewish Voice for Peace I know how very important it is that we educate our youth to help wipe out islamophobia and gain an understanding of Palestinian Americans' experience. It is also important to me that Jewish organizations opposing this curriculum not be thought of as representing all Jews. They do NOT. They certainly do not represent me.

Thank you,

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