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Hello,

My name is Lubna Morrar and I have been a long time Community organizer, business owner, and born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I Voice my support for including Arab American studies within the rubric of Asian American studies in the State of California. In the era of large and widespread Islamophobia and xenophobia, it's also important to include the Arab experience within the ESMC, that highlights peoples' struggles globally and locally.

The cause and affect of how US policies have impacted in our communities, our youth and those who stand in the faces of injustices and violence to Arab and Muslim people, should not be trapped in an echo chamber and silenced.

In an era, where people's views and political positions on Palestine are shifting rapidly, it is NOT antisemitic to defend human rights and the Palestinian People's rights to self determination.

In the current movements in ethnic studies, there has always been a clear history of speaking on people in the 3rd world and defending our resilience. California should be leading the way by standing up for liberation and justice, just like in the 1968 strikes and in the recent Black Uprisings against police brutality.

We demand that revisions that affect Arab American studies should be made in collaboration with Arab American scholars and Ethnic Studies practitioners.

Thank you.

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