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To: Ethnic Studies

Cc: Superintendent; [emails redacted]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keeping Arab-American studies in the ethnic studies curriculum

To Whom It May Concern

I'm a resident of California ([address redacted]) and I would like to express my support for keeping Arab-American studies within the Asian studies component of the ethnic studies model curriculum (ESMC).

We live in a very Islamophobic age, and it's extremely important that West Asian American experiences be included in school curriculums. I insist that the history of the Palestinian struggle against occupation be included in the curriculum, as are many other freedom struggles worldwide. It is not anti-semitic to promote the defense of human rights.

Any revisions made to the curriculum that affect Arab-American studies should be made only in close consultation with Arab-American scholars and ethnic studies practitioners.

Sincerely,
Kevin Steen