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Dear Aimee,

I'm a constituent in your district. I live in the Ivy Hill neighborhood in Oakland.

As a Jewish resident, I feel it is important to voice my strong support of the Ethnic Studies curriculum for OUSD. I didn't encounter ethnic studies coursework until college, and though I am extremely grateful for those important discussions about race, they would have been even more impactful earlier on. It's critical that OUSD white students engage in conversations of race and white supremacy. Moreover, for students of color, it's critical to have reflections of yourself in the curriculum. What I appreciate about this curriculum is that it was written by ethnic studies teachers, professors and educators of color.

This curriculum will make for a better, more compassionate, aware, and just Oakland.

Please support it.

Thank you,
Sasha Solomonov