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To: Ethnic Studies

Cc: Superintendent; [emails redacted]

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please include Arab American studies in California ethnic studies

To Whom it may Concern,

My name is William Spangle, I am a SFSU alumni with a bachelor's degree in American Indian Studies. My words alone cannot begin to describe the importance of Ethnic Studies in the CSU system, and how the strength of Ethnic Studies is rooted in its diversity, representation of cultures and peoples whose stories are not often told enough, nor given the reverence they deserve. The planned attempt to remove Arab American Studies from Ethnic Studies would be an unwise decision, not only will students suffer, but the backlash towards the UC system would be catastrophic - may I remind you of SFSU's attempt at defunding their ethnic studies program and how poorly that ended for their Provost. Not one ethnic studies department, at any CSU will take this lying down, I advise you to remember who you are attempting to disenfranchise. - William Spangle