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Hello,

I am a long time 'California resident, father, and former teacher who strongly urges you to maintain the Ethnic Studies program, in the curriculum and expand it to include Arab Studies. The Middle East has been so devastated by wars and conflict for many years, which has produced millions of refugees, many of whom have assimilated into other countries. The social, psychological, and economic effects on these immigrants and their families have many consequences and it is so important for students of their families to be able to learn about their own culture, and history. Having Arab studies available will also help all students to have a better understanding of each others cultures, and the events unfolding in the middle East today. This better understanding and appreciation can lead to  
Wiser policies and peace. Everyone deserves to have their culture acknowledged and respected. WE all thrive on this diversity and it should be reflected in the curriculum

Thank you  
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