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Dear Advisory Committee

I am writing to ask for inclusion of Sikhism in the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum.

My name is Dr Daljeet Singh and I have lived in CA since 1985 , attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate and saw first hand how vibrant their Ethnic Studies program became. I work as a Family Physician at Kaiser Permanente and have 2 children who are in high school and middle school.

When I attended North Hollywood High School , there was almost no mention of Sikhism or any other South Asian community in our entire education. Thankfully now my kids have noted improvement and a very brief mention of our community.

I have many friends whose children have been teased or bullied due to our visible appearance- particularly after 9/11 and even in todays political environment. For years in text books Sikhs were categorized within Hinduism and then mistaken as Muslim in greater society.

During my time in Northern California I saw members from Yuba City tell me stories of early Sikh immigrants who came over 100 years ago , some by foot from Panama and made California their home.

I feel strongly that the Sikh community should be included meaningfully in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum draft.

Thanks for your consideration

Dr Daljeet Singh