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**To:** Ethnic Studies  
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Dear Superintendent Tony Thurmon and CA Ethnic Studies Curriculum Committee members,

I am deeply concerned by the curriculum that you have proposed and are considering for teaching CA students ethnic studies.

How is it possible that you omit mention of the recent and staggering rise in hate crimes targeted against California Jews in recent years including the deadly attack on a Poway synagogue this spring?

Our state's attorney general reported that indeed, hate crimes against Jews in CA has increased **more** than for any other group.

One would never know that from the current proposed model curriculum.

Not only does the curriculum do nothing to address the rabid rise in antisemitism in CA, but it actually teaches anti-semitic tropes ( i.e., suggestions to listen to British Palestinian recording artist Shadia Mansour and the lyrics re: Jews' manipulation and control of the media.

Addressing the problems with the curriculum model will not just be an "easy fix" with a word change here or there.

Whenever there is a mention of Jews, the tone is denigrating, indeed, perpetuates antisemitism and express bias against Jews, the state of Israel and Israelis.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Schmelzer