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To Whom it may concern:

I am an instructor of Pacific Island Studies at a community college in California. I am also an alumni of SFSU. During my time at SFSU students fought passionately for the preservation and expansion of ethnic studies. Before this movement, there were not Pacific Island Studies at SFSU. Arab American studies and students who were part of the Palestinian student org on campus fought not only for their programs and Ethnic studies as a whole, but supported Pacific Islander students whole heartedly in the creation of our now growing program at SFSU. Arab American studies is vital during this time when Islamophobia is at an all time high. Palestinian studies cannot be left out of Arab American studies. Supporting Palestinian students and learning about their struggles changed my life and the history of SFSU, the birth place of Ethnic Studies, forever. Do not be complicit in the erasure of Arab American Histories and Futures. Our solitarities, struggles, and liberations are deeply and eternally linked. We are different but we fight the same fight.

Sincerely,
Amanda SullivanLee