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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Arab American studies

Dear IQC,

I am a community college student & retired senior citizen who has studied at UCSB & has professional degrees from UCD. When I first went to college, as far as I know, ethnic studies did not exist. I support ESMC, including Arab American studies as part of Asian American studies. Especially with the current Islamaphobia/xenophobia (exacerbated after 9/11 & under the current US administration), we need to study human rights including those of Palestinians. I am Unitarian Universalist & not anti-Semitic. Like any academic department, decisions should be made in collaboration with relevant scholars, especially UC.

In peace with justice,



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