



Jewish Community Statement on Assembly Bill 101

Today Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 into law, which makes ethnic studies a graduation requirement in California, ensuring that historically marginalized communities will see their own stories reflected in California high school education. We thank Governor Newsom for caring about the Jewish community's concerns, reflected in his signing statement:

"I appreciate that the legislation provides a number of guardrails to ensure that courses will be free from bias or bigotry and appropriate for all students. The bill also expresses the Legislature's intent that courses should not include portions of the initial draft curriculum that had been rejected by the Instructional Quality Commission due to concerns related to bias, bigotry, and discrimination."

We are also deeply appreciative of the hard work of Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, Senator Scott Wiener, and the California Jewish Legislative Caucus, putting guardrails in place that will help ensure fair and inclusive courses in our classrooms and prevent marginalization of our and other communities.

Our Jewish community organizations are ready to work together with local school districts as they develop their own ethnic studies courses that empower all students to thrive.

- Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Jewish Silicon Valley
- Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties
- JFCS Holocaust Center

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