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JCRC Thanks Instructional Quality Commission for Substantive Improvements in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

SAN FRANCISCO – California’s Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) made substantive improvements in how the state’s proposed ethnic studies model curriculum addresses the Jewish American experience during its meetings this week. The San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) thanks the IQC for taking the community’s concerns seriously and the California Department of Education for its recommended revisions.

As the focus of the process now shifts to California’s State Board of Education (SBE), JCRC will continue to advocate for a fully inclusive curriculum and urges the SBE to follow the path set at this week’s IQC meetings.

“We are encouraged by the IQC’s support this week for including the Jewish American experience as a part of the new ethnic studies model curriculum for all the state’s public schools,” said Tyler Gregory, executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Community Relations Council, the central public affairs organization for the Bay Area Jewish community.

“The IQC has endorsed holistic and equitable changes to the curriculum that protect our community and other communities through the inclusion of language that seeks to prevent discrimination against any group in the classroom. Although we believe some further edits to the curriculum will strengthen it further, we believe the process is on the right track. We look forward to working with the State Board of Education as the process continues.”

The final version of the educational plan, created by Assembly Bill 2016, will be determined by the State Board of Education.

To stay informed of the latest developments about the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, please visit www.jcrc.org.

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About the JCRC
The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community and represents more than 60 synagogues and Jewish organizations on critical issues affecting the Bay Area Jewish community.