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**Support for Trustee Jennifer Jacobson**

*Trustee Jacobson is being shamed for speaking at the California Ethnic Studies Forum. These talking points will help guide your comments to show support at public comment.*

*If you have a child in the district or in a district feeder school, say so in the introduction.*

1. Leadership Means Listening

- Trustee Jacobson attended the California Forum on Ethnic Studies in Public Schools to listen to the concerns of parents and students—something all elected officials should do.
- Engaging with the community is not an attack on ethnic studies—it's a responsible approach to governance.

2. Double Standards in the District

- Ethnic Studies encourages students to "get comfortable with being uncomfortable," yet when parents and students raise concerns, the district shuts them down, marginalizes them, and labels them as extremists.
- Why is it acceptable for students to be challenged, but not for the district to be challenged on the content of this curriculum?

3. Ethnic Studies Must Be Inclusive for ALL

- We support the goal of teaching about diverse cultures and histories, but Ethnic Studies must be inclusive, educational, and not driven by ideological activism.
- If the curriculum is as good as its supporters claim, why is open discussion about it discouraged?

4. Parents & Students Deserve a Voice

- The school board's job is to represent the entire community—not just special interest groups or loud voices in the room.
- Attacking a board member for listening to parents is an attack on ALL parents who want transparency and fairness in their children's education.
- If Trustee Jacobson cannot share her viewpoint without being attacked, how can we expect 14 year old students to feel safe sharing their honest opinions in the classroom?