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To: Ethnic Studies
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To Whom It May Concern:

My five children grew up in your schools, so I feel I have to say that first. You have my 100% support for the Ethnic Study Program. The need for a more intensive (and diverse) study about why people hate each other is always a good thing, but more importantly, it's the mark of being a good person to want to understand, educate, and maybe even help those who are hated.

Please refer to the 247 page monograph I uploaded to my Academia profile last week. It's easily viewed without a download (under Gypsy Anthropology). It occurs to me, in reading about the outcry over this new, hopefully expanding unit of study, you might like to see the bulletpoint list I made called 641 Years of Anti-Gypsy Laws and Acts @ [http://www.academia.edu/129592653/anti GRT sentiment in America](http://www.academia.edu/129592653/anti_GRT_sentiment_in_America)

I admit, I was saddened to not see the GRT (i.e. Gypsy-Roma-Traveller) included in your curriculum, but not surprised. We are the invisible minority. In reaching out to ask, that you consider our unique history, I add this Google illustration from the Internet showing how in the U.K. the month of June is our month. It isn't just about the genociding of certain groups of people, don't forget to teach how we responded to the oppression. There has to be celebration, else the oppression was successful!

June



Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month (GRTHM).

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org>

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I also enclose a memo from the U.S. State Dept dated October 8, 2020 defining what anti-Roma racism is and the very first thing included on it is denying the genocide. People just don't SEE us, so you now have an idea of how essential a 9th-graders' ethnic study is, with June highlighted as the month belonging (also) to the most resilient people on the face of the earth get up and dance and celebrate who - and what - they are.

Respectfully,
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cc'd: Mayor Daniel Lurie
Human Rights Commission