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Native American Indian Education Act

Position: Support

Provide Truthful, Adequate Education on California Native American History

This Constitutional Amendment will require strengthening the History Social Science curriculum by adding requirements to accurately reflect California Native American Indian culture, history, and the contributions of the first people. These requirements include:

- Instructional standards to include education on the native people of the state of California and ensure that history and social science instruction reflects the state's true history.
- Significant material on the history and culture of California Native Americans in all state public elementary and secondary schools, the social studies curriculum for grades 3, 4, 8, and 11.
- Greater context and education about the mission period regarding the tribes whose historical lands are in the area of their school district.
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction must ensure that appropriate instructional materials, including suitable textbooks and electronic media, are available to local educational agencies and private schools upon request

Correct the Minimizing of the Native American experience

- Historical inaccuracies discourage honest civic engagement about our past. Without broader context, students will be less equipped to understand and address today's pressing social justice issues.
- False narratives and bias lead to insensitivity and ignorance about Native Americans and their many cultural contributions historically and today.
- Addressing the state-sanctioned atrocities Native Americans suffered helps Native American students understand their own history, and helps all students empathize with people of other backgrounds when they learn about other cultures and the injustices they have endured.