

May 13, 2019

The Honorable Shirley Weber
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1460 (Weber) California State University: graduation requirement: ethnic studies. - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Weber:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your bill, AB 1460, which would require, beginning with the 2020-21 academic year, the California State University (CSU) to provide courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses and requires the completion of one three-unit course in ethnic studies as an undergraduate graduation requirement.

This bill follows several years of discussion and decisions surrounding undergraduate course requirements at CSU. As you know, recent actions taken by the CSU chancellor's office in response to an Executive Order in 2016 (EO1100) to provide more clarity and standardization of general education requirements across CSU campuses has resulted in fewer ethnic studies courses being offered. The bill specifies the CSU shall collaborate with the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies and the Academic Senate of the CSU to develop core competencies to be achieved by students who complete an ethnic studies course by the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year.

We are pleased to support AB 1460 and thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy advisors, Jennifer Capitolo or Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Monning
Senator Anna Caballero
Assemblymember Mark Stone
Assemblymember Robert Rivas
California State Association of Counties