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Sample Letter Text:

Dear _____,

I wish to express my deep concern over the sponsorship by the LAUSD of two anti-Israel workshops within the October 21st “Learning about Islam and the Arab World” teacher in-service training offering salary points to teachers as an incentive. These workshops were not publicly listed, indicating they were being offered under the radar. The two workshops are “Palestine-Israel and the Arab Israeli Conflict” and “Palestine Today: No Way to Treat a Child.”

The only reading material offered for the “Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict” is completely one-sided, presenting a biased and ideologically anti-Israel narrative. The title of the second workshop is the same as an international propaganda campaign called “No Way to Treat a Child,” a “joint project of Defense for Children International - Palestine and American Friends Service Committee.” Both NGOs support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. BDS leaders have repeatedly called for Israel’s destruction. The “No Way to Treat a Child” campaign accuses Israel of falsely imprisoning Palestinian children, without mentioning that Palestinian youth are routinely indoctrinated to commit violence against Israelis, soldiers and civilians alike.

The main sponsor of the seminar and these workshops is Fellowship of Reconciliation, which also supports BDS.

The politicized bias of these workshops is inconsistent with California’s educational standards and the academic commitments of Los Angeles. Such a one-sided presentation of the historically complex and nuanced Israeli-Palestinian conflict will not serve the cause of education in the LAUSD. Indoctrination to any political cause does not belong in the classroom.

I urge you to hold a balanced in-service training on this important topic, which presents Israel’s side of the story fairly. I also urge you to withdraw sponsorship of any future Fellowship of Reconciliation Seminars, until they ensure that their workshops on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict no longer involve political indoctrination.

Sincerely,