

In Support of the CMC Statement

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TODOS: Mathematics for ALL stands in support of the California Mathematics Council's (CMC) statement condemning the mockery and marginalization of Native American culture through chants, costume, and dance. Once again, we are reminded that often 'business as usual' and 'actions unchecked' can turn out to be harmful. Though this may have been an isolated event, an entire classroom of children received oppressive messaging that points to the need for deeper understanding and education about culture and respect for individual identities. Many times victims are afraid to speak up and can suffer in silence for many years. See TODOS' position statements on [social justice](#) and [antiracism](#) for information about deficit thinking and strategies to dismantle such practices. We applaud CMC's quick response for we know it takes courage and concern for humanity to do so.