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Re: Golden Pacific Renaissance for Classroom Teaching

To whom it may concern,

The work of Mr. Riccardo Gaudino, the Golden State History Task Force, and USA PROUD Learning Challenge in advancing curriculum development and classroom teaching has recently come to my attention. As program coordinator of the National Center for History in the Schools, UCLA, I endorse the inclusion of Pacific Maritime Routes in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade History-Social Science Standards and recognize Mr. Gaudino's efforts to awaken community awareness on this matter and support local school districts as they adopt the new framework.

I write to say "thank you" to organizations such as Mr. Gaudino's USA PROUD that continue to champion the importance of public history and educational innovation. Furthermore, I join in celebrating the adoption of the new HSS Framework as an historic milestone in helping improve K-12 education in all California schools.

Sincerely,

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