

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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**ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-75-01****REASON FOR THIS  
TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation  
Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by  
One or More Counties

**TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS****SUBJECT: NEED FOR VIGILANCE REGARDING NONDISCRIMINATION**

In the aftermath of recent events in New York and Washington, the California Department of Social Services is available to assist you in any way we can to help you address backlash against individuals who are or are perceived to be of Middle Eastern descent. We must ensure that everyone, regardless of ethnicity or religious belief, continues to be treated in a culturally sensitive way. This is especially important in the delivery of benefits and services. On an individual level and together, we can help to return our community to normalcy.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jeanne Rodriguez, Deputy Director, Office of Human Rights, at (916) 654-2474, or Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy Director, Welfare to Work Division, at (916) 657-3546.

Sincerely,

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Signed By***

**RITA SAENZ**  
Director