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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 81-58

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: WELFARE RECIPIENTS LEAGUE v. WOODS - IMMEDIATE NEED

REFERENCE:

This letter is to advise you of the status of the case of Welfare Recipients League v. Woods and to request that you provide us with information necessary to respond to interrogatories submitted by plaintiffs.

This case, as originally filed in 1977, alleged a failure on the part of the Department to adequately supervise the counties resulting in an alleged failure on the part of various counties to comply with the "immediate need" regulations (EAS § 40-129). These regulations were subsequently amended and plaintiffs filed a supplemental complaint which attacked the validity of various portions of the revised regulations.

In an attempt to determine the policy and practice of individual counties concerning immediate need under current and prior regulations, plaintiffs submitted to the Department interrogatories requesting such information. Information was sought on numerous and varied factual situations. The Department responded by objecting to the interrogatories in part on the basis that the information necessary to answer was not in the possession of the Department; that the information could only be obtained from the individual county welfare departments; and that the request was oppressive, burdensome and harassing.

Plaintiffs sought an order compelling the Department to respond to the interrogatories. The Superior Court granted plaintiffs' motion in part requiring that we respond as to prior and current immediate need policies of the counties in various situations. The court did not require that we respond as to county practices.

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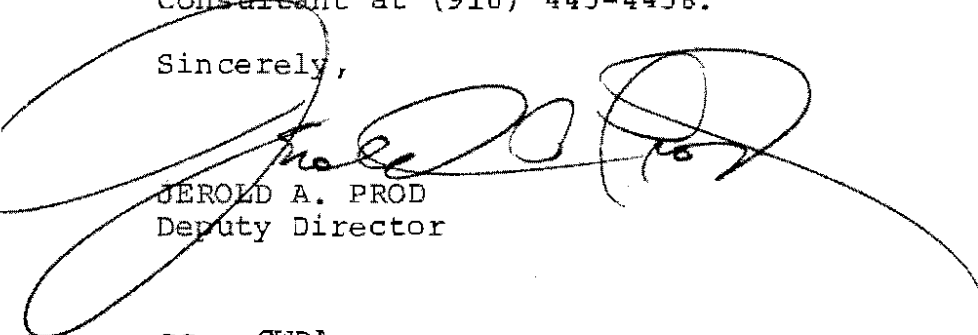
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In order that we can respond to the order of the court, it is necessary that you provide us with information on your prior and current immediate need policies under EAS § 40-129. Attached are the interrogatories that must be answered and the instructions submitted by plaintiffs with regard to the interrogatories. Your responses should be as complete and accurate as possible.

The Department must respond to plaintiffs as quickly as possible. Therefore, it is requested that you provide us with the necessary information within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Campbell in the Chief Counsel's Office at (916) 445-0633 or your AFDC Program Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,



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Attachments