

## Jacqueline Vizcarrondo

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**From:** Venus D. Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:24 PM  
**To:** Diana Becton  
**Subject:** Re: Request to Support AB 2542 (Kalra) CA Racial Justice Act

I will forward you an email from Christine on this.

**Venus D. Johnson**  
**Chief Assistant District Attorney**  
**Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office**

On Sep 24, 2020, at 8:25 AM, Diana Becton [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hello Natasha,  
The Prosecutor's Alliance sent a letter this week in support. I do not intend to send any additional letters of support. Thank you for reaching out. Hope all is well.  
-Diana

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 14, 2020, at 1:36 PM, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hello DA Becton and Venus,

I hope you are both doing ok – these are difficult times we are living through.

I am reaching out to see if you might be willing to express support to the Governor for AB 2542 (Kalra) The California Racial Justice Act. The final version of the bill is available here:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB2542](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB2542)

The bill has been amended significantly since it was first introduced, most notably: it is now prospective only. I have attached a document that describes all of the amendments taken to address concerns raised by judges and prosecutors. I have also attached Mr. Kalra's letter to the Governor as additional background.

DAs Boudin, Verber-Salazar and Gascon are in support. I have attached the letters from DA Boudin and Gascon. DA Verber-Salazar said she will reach out to you directly.

We know it would mean a lot to the Governor to hear that you are also in support, either through a formal letter or a call to Kelli Evans in the Governor's Legal Affairs Unit.

Please let us know if additional background would be helpful or if you would like to discuss by phone.

Many thanks for considering this request,

Natasha Minsker  
Minsker Consulting



<AB 2542 (Kalra) RFGS Letter 09.03.20.pdf>

<Gascon AB 2542 RJA Letter of Support 09.03.20.docx.pdf>

<Boudin AB 2542 RJA Letter of Support 08.28.20.pdf>

<AB 2542 Amendments to address concerns of judges and prosecutors 08.26.20.pdf>