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Hello - I wanted to know if you were aware of AB 2542, which is anticipated to have an impact on investigations and prosecutions in cases involving interpersonal violence starting in 2021. The bill prohibits implicit as well as explicit bias based on “RENO” (race, ethnicity, national origin) in the investigation, charging, prosecution, conviction and sentencing of criminal cases.

CDAA gave a prosecution training 12/18 that I couldn’t attend but I have now reviewed all of the materials provided and will watch the training video as soon as they make it available.

Our office has a Committee that is coordinating with other DA’s Offices to support prosecutions under the new mandates. I don’t believe that law enforcement has had any training in this arena.

I’m thinking that FJC could assist our law enforcement partners in avoiding falling prey to implicit bias in investigations involving interpersonal violence. We have offered implicit bias training in the DV context but there is a much greater (and more urgent) need to expand such training now given these these particular statutory mandates. I continue to believe that FJC is particularly well suited to synthesize culturally competent trainers with law enforcement messaging in a safe space for these sensitive but important topics.

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