

## Jacqueline Vizcarrondo

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**From:** Patrick Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 6:05 AM  
**To:** Venus D. Johnson  
**Subject:** Re: Help?

Hi Venus:

Definitely a big challenge! I recommend checking out the California Policy Lab (<https://www.capolicylab.org/>) or Santa Clara University (specifically Colleen Chien <https://law.scu.edu/faculty/profile/chien-colleen/>).

I can facilitate intros if helpful, but CZI wouldn't be in a position to support financially at this time -- we're in the midst of a [big restructuring](#) (\$350 million investment into CJR, in the form of a new organization to be lead by Ana Zamora).

I'm happy to chat on the phone too -- let me know how I can help!

patrick

On Wed, Feb 3, 2021 at 10:50 PM Venus D. Johnson [REDACTED] wrote:

Good evening Patrick!

I hope all is well with you. With the enactment of the Racial Justice Act, AB 2542, our office has put together a small committee to work through the new requirements and directives for prosecutors under the law. As you may know, data collection and potential disclosure of data to the defense are central parts of the new law and will greatly impact DA offices throughout the state. We are looking to consult and potentially retain a statistician/data expert to review our data, advise us on best practices to collect data, and also potentially testify in court if the need arises.

I know a number of academics attended our meeting last year (wow, has it already been a year??) and I was wondering if there was anyone you could recommend I speak with from UCB, Stanford, or any other local institution. Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Venus

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Warmly,

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