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Update on the Justice, Access, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JAEDI) Informational Proceeding

February 21, 2025 Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group (DACAG) Meeting

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JAEDI Background

• JAEDI Initiative launched in 2019:

- Advances CEC's 2015 diversity commitment.
- Has dual approach.
- Aligns with Governor's California for All mantra.

• 2022 IEPR Update advanced JAEDI:

- Aligned with Executive Order N-16-22.
 JAEDI Framework developed.
- JAEDI Informational Proceeding implemented.

JAEDI IN

Internal workforce diversity & operations

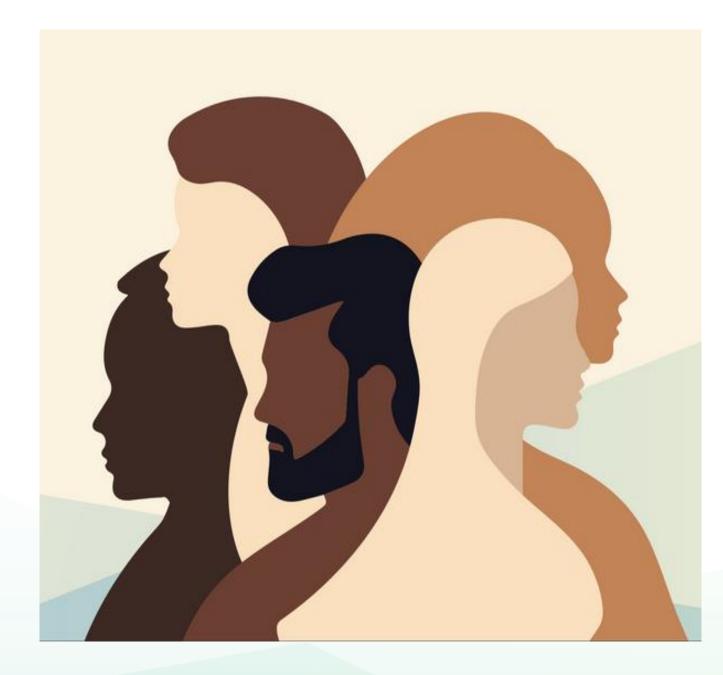
JAEDI OUT

External programmatic & policy impact



JAEDI Framework

- Educate staff on JAEDI Framework
- Establish JAEDI Working Group
- Launch communications campaign
- Receive additional input





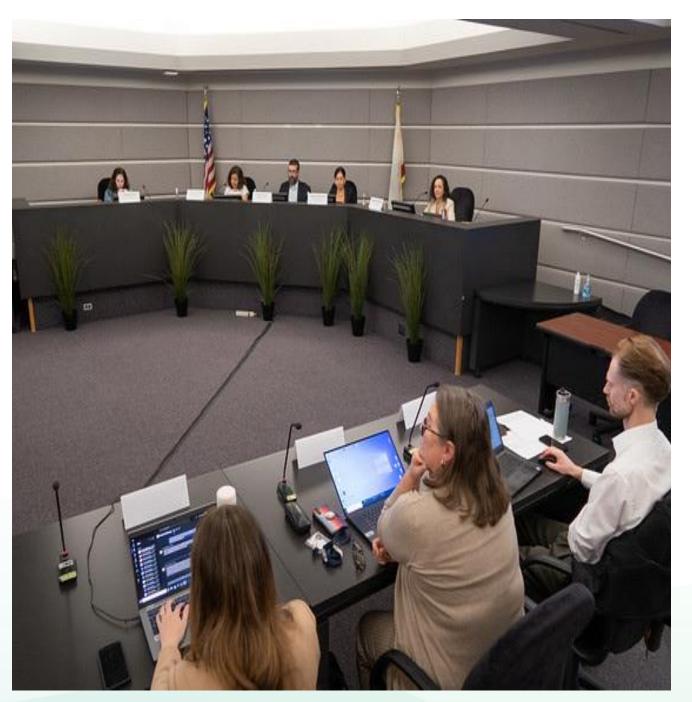
JAEDI Informational Proceeding

• Launched in 2024:

- Finalize JAEDI Framework.
- **Develop JAEDI Action Plan.** Ο

• Upcoming in 2025:

- (Q1) Enhancing Policy and Program Input from Communities
- (Q2) Tools and Strategies for Inclusive Policy and Program Implementation
- (Q3) Assessing, Sharing, and Inspiring Policy and Program Success
- (Q4) Advancing Equity and Diversity in Workforce Development



First JAEDI informational proceeding on Sept 16. Source: CEC employee



"In California, we recognize that our incredible diversity is the foundation for our state's strength, growth and success – and that confronting inequality is not just a moral imperative, but an economic one," said Governor Newsom.