

Communication from the Office of the ACBH Director -

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TO: All ACBH Staff & Team Members

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SUBJECT: SUPPORTING OUR AFGHAN COMMUNITY

Dear ACBH Staff & Team Members:

As you may know, what is occurring abroad in Afghanistan is directly impacting our national and local Afghan communities. As our nation and extended world families grapple with the political, and *most importantly*, human impact of what is unfolding in the region; I would like to take this time to remind all of us that the Bay Area – and Alameda County specifically – represents one of the largest regions settled by the Afghan community in the nation. Our rich diversity has and continues to be a source of pride in and across the region.

I imagine that each of us might know many individuals, colleagues, family members, organizations, and collaborative programs who are now galvanized to be of support to the Afghan community. Regardless of one's political perspective, the human need and potential support to our residents or those who must take refuge within our communities is great.

Our department is working with local organizations on current efforts (and programs) which might be of benefit during this time. I ask that you, in whatever capacity you can, remember to be of support to your team members who also may be personally impacted by these world events. Come what may, we will continue to work in support of our community, clients, and families.

Please do continue to show compassion and patience as our department and agencies demonstrate our commitment to the Afghan community, health equity and wellness in general during this time.

