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A Message from the California Homeland Security Advisor to California Public Safety, Emergency Response, and Law Enforcement Officials

I am writing to urge our public safety partners to remain vigilant over the holiday season due to the current threat landscape in our State and beyond. I offer my support to your agencies as we work together to protect our California communities throughout the holiday season. The recent attack on the Hanukkah Celebration in Australia, the disrupted attack in Bavaria, Germany to a Christmas market, and the recent arrest of four individuals planning a series of bombings at commercial sites in Los Angeles underscores the need to ensure holiday celebrations are protected and remain safe.

At this time, we are unaware of any specific, credible threats to California communities during this holiday season. However, we recognize that in the current threat environment, places where people gather in celebration remain at risk of potential threats of violence posed by those espousing and inspired by extremist ideologies.

I encourage our public safety partners to proactively build relationships and maintain close contact with event organizers in your communities. Information and resource sharing are valuable tools to mitigate the threat of targeted violence against these events and our communities. Law enforcement officials should also remain in close contact with their state, local, and federal partners.

All community members are encouraged to immediately report any suspicious activity through their local law enforcement agency, and/or local fusion center. Included are additional resources to assist you in protecting our communities from targeted violence.

- **Contact Your Fusion Center:** [California State Threat Assessment System](#)
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Resource Guide – Security of Soft Targets and Crowded Places**
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- **DHS Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship – Security Guide**
 - [DHS Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship – Security Guide](#)

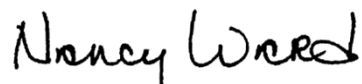


- **Cal OES Active Shooter Guidance**
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- **California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) Training**
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- **Nonprofit Security Grant Program(s)**
 - This grant helps bolster the physical and virtual security of non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and houses of worship,
 - Faith-based and non-profit organizations may apply for these grants through a competitive process.
 - [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#).
- **Vulnerability Assessment Assistance**
 - Assistance is available to faith-based and non-profit organizations to assist with risk and vulnerability assessments, physical security enhancements, cybersecurity enhancements, security plan review, and connections to key partners in law enforcement and emergency services.
 - Email: VA@caloes.ca.gov.

The entire team here at Cal OES, the six California fusion centers, and our partner public safety organizations, will continue to proactively engage all of you in local, state, federal, and international law enforcement, and intelligence agencies to maintain awareness of all emerging threats and to work tirelessly to protect our communities.

Thank you for all you do to protect Californians this holiday season and always.

Sincerely,



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