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## **Yolo County Supports Census 2010**

(**Woodland, CA**) – Today, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved and presented a resolution in support of the United States Census 2010, which included a promise to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to disseminate information, encourage participation and work to achieve an accurate and complete count.

"The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is committed to ensuring every Yolo County resident is counted in the 2010 census," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. "A united voice from government, business, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can increase awareness of the importance of the census."

The census, mandated by the U.S. Constitution, is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years, with the next census taking place this year. Participation in the census is required by law. The census form, which will arrive in mailboxes in March, includes 10 questions which take 10 minutes to complete. Information shared will be confidential and safe.

Census data is used to distribute congressional seats to states and to redistrict California State Senate and Assembly and Board of Supervisors districts. Census information is also used to distribute federal and state dollars to local government and community services. Annually, greater than \$400 billion in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for health care, transportation, community development, housing, social services, employment and education, in part, based on census data.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay (starting at \$15.00/hour), flexible hours, paid training and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. For more information, visit: <a href="http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/">http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/</a> or contact the local census office in Fairfield (707) 430-0460.

"Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson.

Links to Census 2010 information can be found on <a href="www.yolocounty.org">www.yolocounty.org</a> (go to Hot Topics > Census 2010). Visit: <a href="www.sacog.org/census2010/">www.sacog.org/census2010/</a> for more information on the Sacramento region's effort.