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Elder protection honored by county

By JOSH FERNANDEZ/Democrat staff Writer

Eighth District Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, D-Davis, along with President of the Yolo Federal Credit Union Clyde Brooker were recognized Tuesday by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors for their efforts in protecting the elderly from financial abuse.

Authored with Senator Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, Wolk's 2005 Elder Abuse legislation SB 1018 mandates bank employees to report elder financial abuse to law enforcement.

The legislation would protect the elderly from "unscrupulous and uncaring people" who tend to prey on the elderly, Wolk said.

Wolk also authored the 2005 legislation AB 1188, which establishes uniform fines and penalties for failing to report or impeding a mandated report of child and elder abuse.



Yolo County Deputy District Attorney David Akulian stands alongside Eighth District Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, D-Davis and President of the Yolo Federal Credit Union Clyde Brooker. The three have been dedicated in the fight to stop financial abuse of the elderly. (Deo Ferrer/Democrat)

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While some banking institutions have viewed the legislation as a pain, Brooker said he was happy to accommodate Wolk's concern for the treatment of the elderly.

"We feel very good about it," Brooker said. "It's something we've always been concerned about."

Yolo County Deputy District Attorney David Akulian said the legislation "is a good step in the prosecution of elderly abuse.'

"If we can make some kind of dent, then we are achieving a very good goal," Akulian said.

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