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Yolo County Library Hosts Community Safety Forum March 12

(Woodland, CA) – The Mary L. Stephens Davis branch of the Yolo County Library will host a Community Safety Forum on March 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Blanchard Room. The forum’s topic is, Community Policing, Incarceration and the Judicial System: How are we Ensuring Equitable Law Enforcement Practices in the Community to Promote Mutual Trust and Community Safety?

The forum’s panelist include: Law Professor Emeritus and former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso; U.C. Davis Police Chief Emeritus Calvin Handy; The Culture C.O.-.O.P and United in Unity Founder and Director Sandy Holman; U.C. Davis Schools of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine Distinguished Virology Professor, member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and member of the Committee for Human Rights of the National Academies Tilahun Yilma, DVM, Ph.D.; and a committed group of youth activist concerned about recent incidences in Ferguson, New York and Ohio, with a desire to contribute to the discussion and the formation of practical solutions, Isaiah Jurado, Shengzhou Wang, Gabby Cerezo, Alyssa McCall and Veema Bansal.

“The community, especially our young people, not only need a safe and neutral space to voice their fears and concerns, but also a place to feel enough solidarity and support to transform negativity into direct actions of change,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong, who will offer a welcoming statement at the top of the evening.

The Yolo County Library is directly responding to concerns expressed by patrons in regards to the recent incidences that have occurred in Ferguson, New York, Ohio, as well as other places in the U.S. Many patrons have stated they feel unsafe and powerless. In response, the library is sponsoring this public forum to give concerned residents opportunity to learn more about the topic, voice their concerns and offer solutions to this most important public safety matter.

This event is free and open to the public. The Yolo County Library welcomes anyone willing to constructively work towards justice and positive change for all. Each speaker will bring their expertise and experience to the table and offer what they believe to be solutions for a safer tomorrow.

The Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library is located at 315 East 14th Street in Davis. For more information, call (530) 757-5593 or e-mail Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong at patty.wong@yolocounty.org.

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