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## **Yolo Auditor Joins American Leadership Forum**

**(Woodland, CA)** – Yolo County’s Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector Howard Newens has recently been accepted into the American Leadership Forum (ALF) Mountain Valley Chapter’s fellows program. ALF Mountain Valley Chapter joins and strengthens established leaders from diverse backgrounds to improve the greater Sacramento region. ALF’s mission is to build a growing network of leaders throughout the region; to expand their leadership skills, trust, and relationships; and to make a difference by working together.

Howard Newens was elected as Yolo County’s Auditor-Controller in 2001. With a bachelors degree in economics from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, and both internal auditor and public accountant certifications, Mr. Newens began his distinguished career with the accounting firm Arthur Andersen and Co., LLP in 1976. Outside of serving the Yolo County community as Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector, Mr. Newens is actively involved with the Woodland Rotary Club (Director 2005-06), Woodland United Way (President 2005-06) and Aiki Arts Integrated Inc. (founding Director) as a teacher of Aikido and Tai Chi.

“I am honored to have been nominated and accepted to this prestigious program and am ready to put all my abilities and skills to work by joining other leaders in the region to address the shared concerns of the community,” said Howard Newens.

Mr. Newens joins numerous ALF alumni who also serve the Yolo County community including: Yolo County Office of Education Superintendent Jorge Ayala, Yolo County Administrator Sharon Jensen, Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan, UC Davis Vice-Chancellor John Meyer, UC Davis School of Medicine Dean Claire Pomeroy, and Yolo County Public Guardian-Administrator Cass Sylvia.

“The experience gained, and relationships formed, in the American Leadership Forum has served me well as a leader in Yolo County,” said County Administrator Sharon Jensen. “I am so pleased Howard Newens has been chosen to participate in this valuable program as well, as he will bring unique insights and will be another strong Yolo County leader contributing to the welfare of the greater Sacramento region.”

Since 1981, the American Leadership Forum, a national non-profit organization, has dedicated its work to revitalizing leadership within communities across the nation. Established in 1997, the Mountain Valley Chapter brings together leaders from Placer, El Dorado, Sacramento, Northern Solano and Yolo counties.

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