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Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness Outlined

(Woodland, CA) – On Tuesday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will welcome Philip S. Mangano, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, during their regular meeting as Yolo County embarks on a ten-year plan to end homelessness of its most vulnerable residents living on the streets and in shelters. The County of Yolo is partnering with the cities of West Sacramento and Winters to seek \$60,000 state grant funds to develop a ten-year plan. Yolo County will be joining 300 cities and counties throughout the nation who are committed to developing and implementing, jurisdictionally-led and community-driven ten-year plans to end homelessness.

“Homelessness is one of the most critical, solvable problems facing the county,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mariko Yamada. “This effort and the support of the state and federal governments demonstrate a unified front on the war on homelessness.”

Mr. Mangano is Executive Director of the Interagency Council on Homelessness which was created by congress in 1987 with the passage of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. The council is responsible for providing federal leadership for activities to assist homeless families and individuals. The major activities of the council include:

- planning and coordinating the federal government's activities and programs to assist homeless people, and making or recommending policy changes to improve such assistance;
- monitoring and evaluating assistance to homeless persons provided by all levels of government and the private sector;
- ensuring that technical assistance is provided to help community and other organizations effectively assist homeless persons; and
- disseminating information on federal resources available to assist the homeless population.

The actions needed to carry out the policies and priorities established by the council are developed by a policy-level working group and various task forces with the assistance of council staff. The policy group provides a forum for coordinating policies and programs, developing special initiatives, and preparing recommendations for consideration by the full council. The council has partnered with 49 governors of states and three territories in their efforts to end homelessness that mirror the work at the national level.

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