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## Yolo County Launches Online Community Indicator Dashboard

(Woodland, CA) – Are you curious about the status of the economy, education, or housing in the Yolo County community? Then explore data on these topics and more on Yolo County's newly launched Community Indicator Dashboard. Developed through combining data from a variety of federal, state, county and non-profit sources, the purpose of the dashboard is to provide the public with a quick snapshot of key indicators to demonstrate the overall well-being of the Yolo County community.

Data displayed on the dashboard was selected based on County conducted outreach with staff and local organizations to determine the best indicators to gauge community prosperity. The indicators chosen cover a range of topics from homelessness to water quality to population growth and are organized into seven broad categories: demographics, economy, education, environment, health, housing, and safety. While many of the indicators displayed, such as population growth, are influenced by forces outside of direct County control, it is the intention that the dashboard will serve as a tool for both the Board of Supervisors and public organizations to identify areas in the community in need of greater attention and stakeholder collaboration.

The development of the dashboard is part of the effort in Yolo County to establish a performance management system throughout the organization. Through such a system the County seeks to better utilize available data to drive decisions and improve program outcomes. For this reason performance measurement and dashboard development are listed as organizational priorities in Yolo County's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan.

"The Community Indicator Dashboard gives us all a lens to track our key information. It allows for greater transparency and accountability regarding the state of our community and the services provided," said District 2 Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor. "This dashboard is a key step in the County's overall goal to improve services through data-driven decisions."

To access the dashboard go to <u>www.yolocounty.org/community-indicator-dashboard</u> or visit the Yolo County website at <u>www.yolocounty.org</u> and click on the "Community Indicator Dashboard" link under the "Residents" tab. The dashboard will be routinely updated as new data is made available.