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Town Halls to Focus on Senior Issues

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, in conjunction with the Area 4 Agency on Aging, invites the public to participate in one of two Town Hall meetings in June. Seniors and those interested in senior issues are encouraged to share their opinions on topics that are most important to them, such as public transportation needs, affordable housing, home maintenance, and in-home assistance.

Living independently is something that concerns every senior and their families. The ability to go shopping, to medical appointments, to maintain one's home in a safe condition, and to continue to live safely at home are issues that affect everyone. Every four years area Agencies on Aging are required to conduct comprehensive assessments of the needs of people 60 years of age and older in order to develop the overall goals and objectives for the upcoming four years. Assessments will include community "Town Hall" meetings, a senior survey, a survey of service providers, interviews with key informants, focus groups on select issues, and an analysis of existing data. Results of the needs assessment will influence how the Area 4 Agency on Aging distributes funds for senior programs within each county. The counties served by Area 4 are Nevada, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba.

"We encourage seniors and interested parties to participate in this important community process," said Yolo County Supervisor Mariko Yamada. "Area Agencies on Aging are dedicated to helping older Americans live independently. The opinions we gather on issues that impact their daily lives will help us plan better programs for Yolo County residents."

As the first step in the assessment process, two Town Hall meetings will be held in Yolo County on Monday, June 23 in West Sacramento and Wednesday, June 25 in Woodland.

Monday, June 23, 2008
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
West Sacramento Senior Center
664 Cummins Way, West Sacramento

Wednesday, June 25, 2008
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Woodland Community & Senior Center
2001 East Street, Woodland

Light refreshments will be served. Interested seniors are asked to register with Sandra Rodriguez, Assistant Deputy to Supervisor Yamada at (530) 666-8235 or by email at sandra.rodriguez@yolocounty.org.

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