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Youth Empowerment Summit “YES!” Gains Community Support and Attention

Woodland, CA – On Monday February 5th, Jesse Salinas, the Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, accepted a \$1,500 donation on behalf of the Youth Empowerment Summit “YES!” from the noon Davis Rotary Club. “YES!” is a collaboration between the Yolo County Election Office, City of Woodland Public Library’s Teen Advisory Board, Woodland League of Women Voters, Yolo County Office of Education, Early Academic Outreach Program at UC Davis and Woodland Community College. The summit will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 9am to 4pm at Woodland Community College. The purpose of “YES!” is to empower and encourage youth to say “YES!” to leadership roles and civic engagement in their local communities.

- **Y**outh will learn to become leaders in their community in a non-partisan environment with a focus on civic engagement and voter participation as important aspects to becoming a community leader.
- **E**mpower youth to meet and talk to their elected officials about issues that are important to the community and youth.
- **S**hare with youth the aspects of understanding local issues and how decisions are made by the various local decision making bodies.

The goal is to make the summit an annual event and to register 100 Yolo County youth from throughout the county for this first annual summit. “We hope to inspire future leaders, increase election participation of our youth and local civic engagement in a respectful and meaningful way to promote positive change.” said Jesse Salinas. The summit includes hands on experience for the youth in the democratic process and the ability to interface with local elected officials.

“YES!” is open to all 9th-12th grade students in Yolo County. The students can earn community service hours by attending, transportation assistance is available and lunch will be provided. For more information on the event and to register please visit: www.yoloyouthsummit.com. If you would like to donate to this exciting event please visit: [Donate to Yolo County](#) or contact Katharine Campos or Rebecca Tryon at 530-666-8132. Connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay informed on “YES!”, future events and live election night results.

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