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Youth Empowerment Summit “YES!” brings elected officials and youth together

Woodland, CA – On Saturday, March 24, 2018 approximately 100 high school students from around Yolo County will gather at Woodland Community College for a day of civic engagement and learning how to have their voices heard in their community. One unique aspect of this event is the opportunity for the students to speak directly with elected officials about community issues that matter most to them. Over twenty elected officials, ranging from school board members, city council members, and various county officials, will attend for a portion of the day, and students will dialogue with them in small groups about a range of topics. These small group environments can foster two-way dialogue between elected officials and the youth, so students can get to know their elected officials and enhance their likelihood of getting involved in the civic process. It also provides a setting for decision makers to hear directly from young constituents about their concerns, priorities and solutions. Further, the students will learn about the process involved in speaking at public meetings, such as city council or boards of supervisor meetings.

At the “YES!” event students will also get to participate in two ‘mini-elections’, whereby students cast a ballot and get to experience an actual polling system firsthand. Students ages 16 and 17 will also have an opportunity to pre-register to vote, and those aged eighteen and older will be registered to vote.

“YES!” is open to all 9th-12th grade students in Yolo County. The students can earn community service hours by attending, 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: www.YoloCounty.org/donations or contact Rebecca Tryon at 530-666-8132. Connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on Facebook: [/YoloACE](https://www.facebook.com/YoloACE), Twitter: [@YoloCoACE](https://twitter.com/YoloCoACE) and Instagram: [/YoloCoACE](https://www.instagram.com/YoloCoACE) to stay informed on “YES!”, future events and live election night results for the June 5, 2018 election.

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