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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Yolo County District Attorney Presents *Holden On* Film Screening & Panel Discussion**

(Woodland, CA) October 23, 2018 The Yolo County District Attorney's Office presents *Holden On*, a film screening and panel discussion event aimed at addressing some of these questions. *Holden On* is a moving story that follows Holden, a small-town football player who fights to keep his mental illness a secret at all costs. The award-winning film portrays the complexity of mental illness and suicide in teens, while opening the door to conversation about addressing this difficult but critical community concern.

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. Mental illness affects everyone – directly or indirectly – through family, friends or coworkers. These challenges are only exacerbated when mental illness leads to criminal behavior. How can we increase empathy and understanding for those facing these circumstances? What resources are available in our communities for those living with or affected by mental illness? And how are our criminal justice systems and law enforcement agencies adapting to better address these issues?

This screening will be presented free of charge on Monday, November 5th, in the Alpha Gamma Rho Hall in UC Davis' Buehler Alumni Center. It is presented with support from UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, CommuniCare Health Centers, the UC Davis Police Department, the Mental Health Initiative, NAMI-Yolo, Empower Yolo, the Davis Police Department, and UC Davis Government and Community Relations. Following the film there will be Q&A and discussion with a panel composed of mental health clinicians, attorneys, mental health advocates, students, and other experts.

This event is part of the District Attorney's Steps to Success diversion program's volunteer curriculum, which spotlights concerns and resources regarding mental health and addiction in the local community. Completion of the Neighborhood Court Panelist Training is a prerequisite for participation as a Steps to Success volunteer. Those who have personally experienced or have a loved one dealing with mental illness or substance use disorder are particularly encouraged to apply. For additional event or program info and upcoming training dates visit: [www.yoloda.org/nc](http://www.yoloda.org/nc), email: [Nicole.Kirkaldy@yolocounty.org](mailto:Nicole.Kirkaldy@yolocounty.org), or call: (530) 666-8378.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: November 5, 2018

Time: 6pm to 9 pm, door open at 5:45pm

Address: Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Hall, 530 Alumni Ln. Davis, CA 95616

Admission: FREE, Parking not included

RSVP Required: sign-up online at <https://doodle.com/poll/u6if8zvne789f3gs> or email

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