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Yolo County District Attorney and Health and Human Services Agency Schedule Series of Community Engagement Meetings for New Grant Proposals

(Woodland, CA) – February 11, 2019 – There will be a series of Community Engagement Meetings aimed at getting feedback from the public in the development of two new Yolo County grant proposals. Representatives from the District Attorney’s Office and Health and Human Services Agency will present concepts for programming that would be funded by these grants and use community feedback to refine the proposals prior to submission.

The Health and Human Services Agency will pursue funding under the Prop 47 grant program to create an expansion of the Homeless Neighborhood Court program providing housing, rehabilitation, and legal relief for the chronically homeless population. This project would be a collaborative partnership with the Probation Department and District Attorney’s Office, local law enforcement agencies, and local community-based organizations. The program concept integrates a team of case managers to provide intensive case management coupled with a restorative justice diversion component for homeless individuals with active criminal cases.

The District Attorney’s Office will pursue funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to sustain and expand the existing Neighborhood Court program. This meeting will present possibilities for the program’s expansion into higher-level criminal offenses. Neighborhood Court is a restorative justice diversion program that allows defendants to circumvent traditional court proceedings. Instead, these individuals participate in a conference with community members to discuss the harms of the offense and collaboratively develop a plan to move forward in a positive way.

The meetings will be held in each of the four cities from 6pm to 8pm.

- Woodland – Tuesday, February 12th at the Woodland Senior Center – 2001 East Street.
- Davis – Friday, February 15th at the Davis City Council Chambers – 23 Russell Blvd.
- West Sacramento – Tuesday, February 19th at the Community Center – 1075 W. Capitol Ave.
- Winters – Monday, February 25th at the Winters City Council Chambers – 318 1st Street.

These meetings will be available to view via livestreaming, and public questions or comments for at-home viewers can be submitted via e-mail to prop47@yolocounty.org.

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