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## Youth Empowerment Summit Taking Place Tomorrow in Yolo County

Woodland, CA – Tomorrow upwards of 110 high school students from around Yolo County have registered to attend the second annual Youth Empowerment Summit at Woodland Community College (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). This number is up from the 74 students that attended the inaugural Summit in 2018. The Summit will be a day of civic engagement that aims to empower and encourage youth to say “YES!” to leadership roles and civic engagement in their local communities.

Students will receive hands on experience in the democratic process and have the ability to interface with local elected officials during lunch and round table discussions. There are 29 local elected officials that will be attending tomorrow’s Summit. The round table discussion portion of the event will happen following lunch from approximately 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will cover the following discussion topics: human rights, education, safety and environment. These topics were identified by local students as topics the youth are interested in and concerned about.

“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, Yolo County Friday Night Live, Yolo County Library, ASSETs and Woodland Community College. In addition to the organizations involved in the Youth Empowerment Summit partnership, the event is made possible and supported by donations from local organizations, private donations, local business and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Stuart Foundation and HART InterCivic. Additionally, several community partners and volunteers have offered their time to help facilitate the event.

“YES!” is open to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Yolo County. Students can earn community service hours by attending. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information on the event visit:

[www.yolosaysyes.com](http://www.yolosaysyes.com). Connect with Yolo County ACE – Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Elections on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay informed on “YES!” and future events.

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