

Yolo County supervisors pass on plan to hire attorney for immigrants facing deportation

County officials have put on hold a plan to set aside \$50,000 toward the cost of an attorney tasked with representing immigrant residents facing deportation.

Under a plan floated by two county supervisors on Tuesday, that money would have been on top of \$100,000 already approved to help immigrant residents in Yolo County who need legal services.

The Davis Enterprise reported on Wednesday the plan, spearheaded by Yolo County Supervisors Don Saylor and Jim Provenza, did not gain enough support from their peers to move ahead with the idea.

The idea came to formation after Saylor and Provenza contacted a number of local agencies and legal aid groups who concluded additional money could be used to better defend immigrant residents who face or are currently going through deportation proceedings.

The money would have allowed county officials to hire a private practice attorney or set aside an attorney in the public defender's office with the specific task of representing immigrant residents.

The idea failed to gain traction with a majority of county supervisors at Tuesday's meeting, the Davis Enterprise reported. It is expected to be considered again when budget discussions occur in June, the newspaper said.