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Community Members Sought for Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

(Woodland, CA) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is seeking community members to serve on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, a multi-agency body which is advisory to the Probation Department on a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and includes representatives from the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Sheriff's Department, Board of Supervisors and Health & Human Services Agency, as well as representatives from a community-based drug and alcohol program, nonprofit community-based organizations providing services to minors, a city policy department and the Yolo County Office of Education.

The Board of Supervisors has recently added one community member position from each of the supervisorial districts to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. Qualifications to serve in these positions include: experience providing community-based youth services; youth justice advocates with expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system; or those that have been directly involved in the juvenile justice system.

"The Probation Department will benefit greatly from more public engagement on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as we have much to do in response to juvenile justice reform," said Yolo County Chief Probation Officer Dan Fruchtenicht. "Increased community input on these matters will ensure that we continue to evolve our practices in a way that both benefits public safety in our communities and ensures our youth thrive and avoid entering the adult criminal justice system."

Community members interested in applying to serve on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council can find an application at: www.yolocounty.org/general-government/board-of-supervisors/advisory-bodies. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is expected to meet monthly in late 2020 and early 2021, and then quarterly going forward.