## **COUNTY OF YOLO**

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## Help Our Yolo County Homeless Stay Warm This Winter Support Thanksgiving Sweater and Blanket Drive

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County asks for your help to ensure our homeless stay warm during the winter as we kick off a Sweater and Blanket Drive from now until Thanksgiving Day. Donations will benefit the homeless of Yolo County and be distributed at the Fourth & Hope shelter in Woodland.

The Fourth & Hope emergency shelter provides year-round shelter nightly, serving as the designated shelter for Yolo County. Fourth & Hope provides shelter services to men, women, and children. Separate dorms are provided for men and women, and families sleep together in the dining area. They help the shelter clients move into permanent housing in the County.

"I am excited to announce the collaboration my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, County employees, and Fourth & Hope to voluntarily collect items for our homeless residents," said Supervisor Barajas. "With winter almost here, now is the time for all of us to spring into action and provide a helping hand for those in great need."

District 5 Supervisor Angel Barajas is leading the organization of the drive and has previously volunteered at Fourth & Hope in past years. The drive will not only keep the homeless in need warm but also warm and inspire our hearts to give back this holiday season.

"Yolo County winters see temperatures drop to as cold as 20 or 30 degrees, disproportionately impacting our homeless," said Supervisor Barajas. "Together, we can offer comfort and thanks during the holidays with donations of sweaters, blankets, socks, and more."

Please donate items at one of the following dropbox locations:

- Administration Building 625 Court St. Woodland CA 95645
- HHSA Bauer Building 137 N Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695
- Child Support Services Building 100 W Court St. Woodland CA 95645
- Department of Community Services, 292 West Beamer Street Woodland, CA 95695

Contact Catherine Diaz in Supervisor Barajas' office for additional information.

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