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Award-winning Activist and Educator, Sandy Holman to Host Weekly Segments of *The Cost of Darkness* and Lead Community Discussions During Black History Month

(Woodland, CA) – During Black History Month, Yolo County Library and the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency are honored to have Sandy Holman, Director of The Culture C.O.-O.P., host a month-long weekly series of community discussions and showings of the documentary *The Cost of Darkness*, a film that examines and addresses the root causes of systemic racial inequities. The program will be held virtually every Wednesday evening in February at 6 pm.

The Culture C.O.-O.P. created *The Cost of Darkness* to encourage a variety of entities to envision strategies for intervention and impact from a holistic and systemic perspective. It will summarize the societal impact of White supremacy and examine color bias and racism in the following institutions: politics, health care, the media, criminal justice, education, the economic system, and the environment. Two segments have been added that examine White supremacy and being Black in society.

This year will be the first time the Library will present *The Cost of Darkness* in its entirety in four segments. Participants are invited to consider each segment and engage with community members in a discussion to find inspiration to develop a plan that will lead to action.

“The information presented in *The Cost of Darkness* will help educate our Health & Human Services Agency staff and the community at large about systemic racism in the United States,” says Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Tessa Smith. “Our Cultural Competence Committee is proud to partner with Yolo County Library to present this award-winning series.”

The program is also included as part of the social justice in practice theme leading up to the U.C. Davis Campus Community Book Project author talk with Ibram X. Kendi on his book, *How to Be an Antiracist*.

[The Cost of Darkness](#) segments, showtimes and virtual links:

Wednesday, February 2 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.: The Black Experience, Education & Healthcare
tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost1

Wednesday, February 9 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.: The Media, Economics & Politics
tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost2

Wednesday, February 16 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.: White Supremacy & Criminal Justice
tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost3

Wednesday, February 23 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.: The Environment

tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost4

The Cost of Darkness screenings and community discussions are free and sponsored by Friends of the Davis Public Library, Yolo County Library, and the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency. For more information, please contact info@cultureco-op.com.

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