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Yolo County Ends Effort to Acquire St. John's Retirement Village

(Woodland, CA) –Yolo County is acknowledging that the purchase and sale agreement (PSA) signed by the County and St. John's Retirement Village, Inc. (SJRVI), the non-profit owner of the St. John's Retirement Village property, terminated on September 30 after SJRV could not meet the conditions for closing, including the resolution of pending litigation involving the property.

“No clear path exists for the County to continue its acquisition effort without facing considerable additional costs, uncertainty, and an unknown timeframe for closing,” said Supervisor Angel Barajas, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “Unfortunately, my colleagues and I cannot move forward with the opportunity to reenvision the SJRV campus as a single location providing services to aging adults and other vulnerable Yolo County residents in need of assistance.”

Supervisor Oscar Villegas, Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors, agreed: “The fate of this unique property is now beyond our control, but we will double down on other efforts to expand and improve the quality of housing and services available to seniors and low-income Yolo County residents.”

Importantly, Dignity Health continues to lease a building for an expanded Adult Day Health Center facility (ADHC) at the SJRV site. The ADHC is a leading County priority, and the County has provided \$2.5 million to Dignity to assist its effort to open an expanded ADHC. The County will remain actively involved with Dignity Health in efforts to develop an expanded Adult Day Health Center at the SJRV site or another feasible location.

The County appreciates the hard work of St. John's Board members and advocacy by other community members and stakeholders (including the Yolo Health Aging Alliance, the Agency on Aging/Area 4, Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services, Yolo County Health Council, Yolo Adult Day Health, Resources for Independent Living, and the Developmental Disabilities Future Planning Group) to support the acquisition and reuse planning effort over the past several months. This experience will have a lasting effect and improve the County's ongoing efforts to promote healthy communities and help County residents thrive.

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