

## **COUNTY OF YOLO**

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## County to Consider Deferral Program for One-Time Property Tax Adjustment Related to Washington Joint Unified School District Bond

(Woodland, CA) - In response to the Yolo County Department of Financial Services erroneously omitting a property tax to pay the debt service on a Washington Joint Unified School District bond and the resulting higher tax rate in the current year, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will consider a payment deferral program for West Sacramento homeowners at its October 24, 2023 meeting. The program being developed by the County will provide homeowners facing financial hardship with the option of paying this one-time adjustment related to the bond over a period of time without interest, penalties, or late fees.

"We understand the concerns of West Sacramento homeowners, and we sincerely apologize for any hardships this situation has caused," said Yolo County's Interim Chief Financial Officer Tom Haynes. "Rest assured, we are actively working on a program to assist burdened homeowners. We will present this proposed program at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting, and we appreciate the community's patience as we work to find a solution."

"As the Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, I would like to assure West Sacramento homeowners that we are fully committed to addressing this issue promptly and fairly," said Supervisor Oscar Villegas. "The County takes responsibility for the oversight, and is actively exploring options to provide relief to affected residents. We understand the importance of transparent and efficient governance, and we will present these additional remedies at our upcoming meeting."

More information about the program will be available after the Board of Supervisors considers the proposal at its October 24, 2023 meeting. The Yolo County Department of Financial Services also mailed an informational letter to more than 17,000 West Sacramento residences on Saturday, October 7 explaining what caused this one-time adjustment. If you have additional questions not addressed in the informational letter sent to West Sacramento homeowners on October 7, please contact the Yolo County Department of Financial Services at <a href="mailto:DFS@YoloCounty.org">DFS@YoloCounty.org</a> or (530) 666-8190, or visit the Yolo County's website at <a href="www.yolocounty.org">www.yolocounty.org</a>.

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