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## **Dr. Tico Zendejas Becomes Health And Human Services Agency's Service Centers Branch Director**

(Woodland, CA) - Yolo County has made a strategic move within its leadership team as Dr. Tico Zendejas transitions from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to take on the pivotal role of Branch Director for the Service Centers Branch of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Dr. Zendejas, who is recognized for his transformative work in establishing Yolo County's DEI program, will continue to create value for our community and advance the county's DEI initiatives in his new position.

As Branch Director, Dr. Zendejas will lead a dedicated team of around 300 professionals within HHSA's Service Centers Branch. This branch plays a crucial role in providing safety net services to Yolo County's most vulnerable residents while actively contributing to the development of the local workforce. These essential services include health benefits, food benefits, cash benefits, employment services, and education and job training opportunities.

"Dr. Zendejas's transition to HHSA reflects the county's commitment to ensuring that our residents receive the highest quality of care and support," said Chief Administrative Officer Gerardo Pinedo. "His proven track record of leadership and dedication to inclusivity positions him as the ideal candidate to guide our Service Centers in their mission to empower and uplift our community."

Dr. Zendejas's extensive experience, including his role in laying a foundation for the county's DEI program, uniquely positions him to foster an environment of equity and inclusion within the Service Centers Branch. His vision for creating value for the people of Yolo County will be a driving force as the branch and HHSA continue to provide essential services and opportunities to those in need.

"I am honored to take on this new role within the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency," said Dr. Zendejas. "I am excited to lead a talented team in delivering crucial services to our community, and I am committed to ensuring that diversity, equity, and inclusion remain at the forefront of our efforts."

Dr. Zendejas's leadership journey continues to be marked by his passion for justice, equity, and inclusivity. Both him and the Service Centers team are committed to enhancing the well-being of Yolo County's residents. His colleagues look forward to the positive impact Dr. Zendejas will bring to the Service Centers Branch and the broader community as he leads the charge in creating a more equitable and supportive environment for all.

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