

## Naming Nomination Form

### Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility – Multi-Purpose Room

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**Proposed Building Name:**

William Rickers Memorial Gymnasium

**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

Teaching students is difficult in a normal situation, but working with Juvenile Delinquents is even more of a challenge.

Mr. Rickers was well loved and respected by both the students and faculty in his service as their teacher. He exemplified Yolo County standards and is very much missed.

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**Proposed Building Name:**

William Hans Rickers Memorial Facility

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

William Hans Rickers was a teacher with the Yolo County Office of Education who worked for years with the juvenile detention youth, as their teacher in the Dan Jacobs school, the school facility within our county's juvenile detention facility. Mr. Rickers had a unique personality and he clearly loved working with the youth, always attempting to teach them something new despite the difficult circumstances. Mr. Rickers had also attended UC Davis, prior to his teaching career.

Sadly, Mr. Rickers passed away on 11-15-11 while he was in the JDF Facility preparing for that day's school lesson for the youth.

I can think of no more appropriate person to posthumously receive credit for their work in this county, and working with the exact population for whom this new building is for. A majority of the Probation Department employees who worked alongside Mr. Rickers over the years will also state there could be no more suitable person to receive this honor.

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William Rickers Gymnasium

**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

Mr. Rickers was a beloved teacher to the youth of our detention facility for several years. His passion for education & helping disadvantaged youth was evident by the participation & respect he received everyday in the classroom. His loss & memory is still felt here by the staff who had the privilege of working with him everyday. He dedicated his life to teaching our youth; the least we can do is dedicate our gym to honor his memory.

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## WILLIAM HANS RICKERS

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*Dec. 20, 1950 - Nov. 15, 2011*

William "Bill" Hans Rickers passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, in his Woodland classroom preparing for his teaching day. He was born in Pine Bluff, Ark., on Dec. 20, 1950. As a small child, he moved with his family to San Jose, where he grew up and graduated from Del Mar High School. Bill attended UC Davis, where he double majored in history and psychology. He went on to complete his masters degree in history and a earned a Community College Teaching Credential at San Jose State University.

While Bill was backpacking through Europe after college, he met the love of his life, Hanne Carstens Rickers, a native of Copenhagen, Denmark. He eventually moved to Copenhagen and married Hanne. He and Hanne lived in Copenhagen for ten years, where to Bill's delight his first two children were born. During his years abroad, Bill taught English to business professionals.

The Rickers relocated to Woodland, in 1985, where Bill obtained his California Teaching Credential and began his career in education. He was employed by the Yolo County Office of Education for 24 years, most recently as a teacher at the Dan Jacobs School in the Juvenile Detention Center. Bill believed that every human being should be given an equal chance and he loved working with disadvantaged youth. Throughout his life, he participated in sports including tennis, football, soccer and basketball. Bill spent every day on his bicycle, either riding to and from his job, or just exploring the back roads near Shasta. He especially enjoyed involving himself in his children's activities including their sports and even his youngest daughter's frequent ballet performances.

Bill spent as much time as he could at his cabin near Mt. Shasta with his family, where he had hoped to retire in a couple of years. Bill will be remembered for his love of the outdoors and his gentle soul.

Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Hanne Carstens Rickers; and his children, Hans of Sacramento, Sarah and husband Derek of Woodland, and Lea of Santa Cruz. Bill also leaves sisters, Lili Rickers Fisher and husband Mark of Woodland, Erika Rickers Freimarck and husband Larry of San Jose, and Gretchen Rickers Crowley and husband Daniel also of San Jose. Bill is also survived by nieces and nephews, including Lindsay Fisher, Ali Fisher and Zack Fisher, Kristine Freimarck Pohle and Kevin Freimarck, Patrick Crowley, Shannon Crowley Giguere and Danielle Crowley. He has many surviving relatives in Denmark and Germany as well. Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Anna Rickers; father, William Rickers; and sister, Heidi Rickers.

A celebration of life is scheduled for noon, Saturday, Nov. 26, at Nelson's Grove, 15285 Country Road 99E, Woodland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Yolo CASA, [www.yolocasa.org](http://www.yolocasa.org), or to a college account for Lea Rickers that has been set up at Bank of the West in Woodland.

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# William Hans Rickers Gymnasium

See attached "Name Rationale"

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## **Proposed Building Name: William Hans Rickers Gymnasium**

### **Name Rationale:**

William Hans Rickers also known as “Ricker or Ricks” by his beloved co-workers and friends passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2011, while working in his classroom at the Dan Jacobs School in the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility. Rickers death had a devastating impact on the Yolo County Probation Department and the children he taught.

Rickers values mirrored Yolo County’s Values Statement: “As Yolo County employees, we recognize this is a great place to live and work. We are committed to doing right by others through public service and maintaining the trust of our residents and peers. Together, we will continue to foster a healthy, supportive and professional environment, striving always for excellence.”

Rickers was a simple man who rode his bicycle every day to work, and recognized Yolo County was a great place to live and work. Rickers was a Yolo County resident, educator, and alumni of UC Davis for over 24 years. He dedicated his life to giving everyone an “equal chance.”

Rickers’ friends and co-workers remember him as a friendly and personable man who genuinely cared for working with the disadvantage youth. Rickers passion and energy exploded when working with youth inside and outside the classroom to include playing organized sports with the youth out in the rec yard. He encouraged every child to do their best and instilled the importance of education amongst his classroom.

To this day, when asked about Rickers, the first thing people do is Rickers signature hand sign with his two fingers pointing and waving in the air or the sound of his whistle he wore around his neck. Rickers will never be forgotten and as noted from a fellow co-worker “Ricks was a great man, educator and all around good guy to be around. His presence in the hall will be felt forever.”

Rickers legacy will live on through Yolo County Probation Association’s annual scholarship named after him in remembrance of his dedication and hard work in serving the disadvantage youth.



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William Hans Rickers Gymnasium

Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):

William (Bill) Rickers worked for the Yolo County Office of Education for many years. He spent several years teaching youth at the Juvenile Detention Facility. Among other subjects he taught Physical Education, and it was the highlight of the youths day. Mr. Rickers had a way of keeping the youth engaged. He was beloved by all of the youth and staff that had the opportunity to work with him, and he left a huge impression on us all.

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**Proposed Building Name:**

**BILL RICKER'S VILLAGE**

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

Bill Rickers was a teacher who dedicated himself to the betterment of the children here in Yolo County, and ultimately passed away while doing so.

The old adage, it takes a village to raise a child is exactly how the Juvenile Hall operates. This Juvenile Hall would not be as successful if it wasn't for the Detention Officers, Probation Officers, Medical Professionals, Counselors, Administrative Support Staff, and Volunteers throughout the county who are adamant in facilitating a successful integration back into society. I feel "Bill Rickers" is appropriate as he passed away helping our county's youth and "Village" in the name, will represent the community who participate, whether directly or indirectly to the success of our youth.

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**Proposed Building Name:**

William "Bill" Rickers

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

Mr. Rickers was the most beloved teacher at the JDF. His passion was helping the youth not only in the classroom setting, but especially on the recreation yard. His ability to motivate the youth to play sports and be competitive in a positive way was amazing. Sadly we lost Mr. Rickers in one of the places he most like to be, the classroom at the JDF. This impacted the youth and staff in a way that cannot be described. It was an honor to say we worked with such a person and to honor him back by naming the gym after him would be a start. I propose the "William Rickers Memorial Auditorium"!!!!!!

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**Proposed Building Name:**

The William "Bill" Rickers Memorial Multi-Purpose Facility

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

William "Bill" Rickers was a teacher at Dan Jacobs School located in the JDF. He educated hundreds of our youth, and taught them valuable life skills that they use on a daily basis. He also taught them kindness, compassion, and how to be a human being. As an employee of the Yolo County Office of Education, I believe Mr. Rickers meets the criteria for the facility to be named after him. Mr. Rickers passed away while at work early one morning inside the JDF while he was preparing his classroom for the days' activities and getting ready for his students to come into the class.

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He gave many selfless years of his life to educate some of our most marginalized youth from Yolo County. He never blinked once, and always did everything he could to get through to the youth, and the values he instilled still shine today.

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William Rickers Memorial Gymnasium

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

Mr. Rickers was a teacher at the JDF who passed away about 5 years ago. Mr. Rickers had a heart attack while preparing his classroom for the day. He was an inspiration to the youth and staff. He had the respect of the youth and staff.

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name Rationale (Explain how the proposed name is applicable to this building or what relation it has to Yolo County):**

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Mr. Rickers was a teacher at the Juvenile Hall. He was beloved by the juveniles detained in the hall and the staff.

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He was kind and gracious to students who were not always the most easy people to deal with and was committed to their education.

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He was also the P. E. teacher and would have been extremely thankful for the gym.

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