



## Yolo County Housing

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To: Neighbors of 1509 Coloma Way, Woodland  
From: Sandra Sigrist, Interim Executive Director, Yolo County Housing  
Re: Neighborhood Outreach

One thing we all value is a place to call home. The Housing Authority of the County of Yolo (Yolo County Housing or YCH) supports this dream for residents across Yolo County through owning and managing properties, including multi-family housing, migrant farmworker housing and single residence homes. Across YCH's housing portfolio, we often partner with government agencies and local nonprofits to support individuals who need a helping hand up into the next best stage of their lives.

This year, YCH is expanding our existing partnership with the Yolo County Probation Department. Thanks to a generous State grant, we are purchasing a house and assisting with the coordination of supportive services for future participants in the Diversionary Housing Program. YCH and Probation already partner on a similar project in another Woodland home and know what's needed for success of the tenants as well as peaceful enjoyment of the neighborhood by all residents.

Many times, individuals on probation are motivated to be successful, are employed or are in school and have family and friends encouraging their efforts to engage that next best stage in their lives. It is this group of individuals who YCH and Probation assist in this type of community-based housing. After several years of success in another Woodland neighborhood, we are now ready to do so at 1509 Coloma Way.

**As a neighbor of this home, we want to give you the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about plans moving forward. I would be happy to talk with you and receive your input ahead of the September 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting where purchase of the home will be considered. I can be reached by email at [ssigrist@ych.ca.gov](mailto:ssigrist@ych.ca.gov) or at my desk #: 530-669-2219. You are also welcome to call the main office phone #'s listed above and transfer to my extension at 2219.**

I look forward to hearing from you!

### LANGUAGE SERVICES

YCH offers free language services. If you need language assistance, please contact us at (530)662-5428; TDD 800-545-1833, extension 626.

### SERVICIOS DE IDIOMAS

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## Diversions Housing Project

### Property Management & Resident Oversight

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Participants in the Diversions Housing Project will be local residents, both men and women, who are on probation but who have been selected to be part of this program based on their commitment to their recovery and their ability to fully participate in the program and meet the various terms and conditions of the program.

Participation in the program allows these residents to live in one of the program's two houses for 6-12 months, receive services and have access to resources to help them get back up on their feet and ultimately live independently. The program is similar to another in Woodland that has successfully been in operation for three years. Key components of the program include:

- While each resident reports to their own assigned Probation Officer, they are also collectively overseen by another Probation Officer dedicated to the program. This Probation Officer visits the house at least weekly and participates in monthly house meetings.
- Monthly house meetings are led by Yolo County Housing (YCH) which is responsible for property management and responding to issues that might arise, 24/7. YCH ensures the residents are taking good care of the property, both inside and out. YCH also provides residents the Rent Ready curriculum which gives them the tools necessary to live independently, i.e. instruction on budgeting and paying bills, saving for first and last rent, etc.
- The house will also have a peer site lead. This is one of the residents who is doing well in the program and who has been selected to be the liaison between Probation and YCH should issues arise. Typically, they alert County staff of potential issues long before they evolve into a problem.
- Those who have committed sexual offenses are not eligible to participate in the program.
- Except when working to reunite with family members, residents are not permitted to have guests.
- There is zero tolerance for substance abuse in the house. Violators will be removed from the house.
- There is no eviction process or notice for these residents. If they are unable to comply with the terms and conditions of the program they are immediately removed from the house.
- Participants in this program are required to hold down a full-time job or must actively be working towards employment and re-entry. Between employment or related efforts and participating in programs and services, their days are highly structured.
- Residents in the house have a curfew of 10:00 p.m.
- By all accounts, neighbors of the other property in Woodland with a similar program are comfortable with the residents of that house and especially pleased with how well they maintain the property.