

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ESTABLISHING THE YOLO YOUTH COMMISSION THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, Yolo County has made great strides in bringing forth the youth voice. The Youth Empowerment Summit (“YES”) that is hosted by Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor, Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, has been awarded national recognition. This annual event brings together elected officials and students as they discuss important issues and propose solutions; and

WHEREAS, while YES provides a forum for participation and connection, there is still a need for youth participation beyond this annual event; and

WHEREAS, many school boards have student members and some municipalities and county governments have created plans to engage and empower youth. For example, the City of Woodland is creating its own Youth Master Plan. Also noteworthy is the San Francisco Youth Commission that has 17 members and provides youth voice related to issues important to the community; and

WHEREAS, given the recognized importance of youth engagement and participation, Yolo County would benefit from having its own youth commission that would build upon current efforts while creating a permanent pathway for young people to shape their future and build community in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) approved \$400,000 to be allocated from County-generated cannabis tax revenue to form the Yolo Youth Commission as a 2-year pilot project with support from the Yolo County Office of Education (“YCOE”) as part of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget approved on September 28, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, as follows:

1. The Board hereby creates the Yolo Youth Commission (“Commission”), an advisory body composed of 15 members directly appointed by members of the Board. The Supervisors shall each appoint three members to the Commission.
2. The Commission is hereby created for a two-year period, beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2024. The Commission shall be dissolved as of June 30, 2024 without further action of the Board unless the Board extends the term of the Commission beyond the 2-year pilot period by Resolution or Ordinance prior to June 30, 2024.
3. At the time of appointment, Commissioners shall be a Yolo County resident and shall be no younger than 13 and no older than 18 years of age. Commissioners will be appointed for a one-year term and may be reappointed for one additional one-year term. Commissioners will serve without compensation.

4. The full Commission shall meet at least 5 times a year and may meet as often as two times per month for training, capacity building, and to consider grant proposals. Meetings may be in person, virtual, or a hybrid depending on the direction of the Commissioners and applicable State law requirements.

5. At its first meeting of the term, the Commissioners shall adopt bylaws, establish a meeting schedule, and select a Chair, Vice-Chair, and any other officers and committees it decides are necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission. The Commission's bylaws shall be subject to Board approval.

6. Relying on funds deemed appropriate by the Board, the Commission shall issue annually a request for grant funding proposals from youth-centered efforts or youth organizations. The nature and scope of proposals will be focused on creating greater connections to the communities of Yolo County and fostering broad-based youth efforts. While proposals will be funded in several communities, those proposals that include youth groups from multiple towns and areas of Yolo County will be given preference.

7. The Commission shall be responsible for evaluating grant proposals for youth-led efforts and organizations in Yolo County and developing a grant funding plan for presentation to the Board for acceptance. The plan shall be deemed accepted by the Board unless the Board rejects the plan by a four-fifths vote, in which case the plan would return to the Commission for further consideration prior to re-presentation to the Board.

8. The 2-year Commission pilot program will be administered by YCOE with grant funding received by YCOE from the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center and the cannabis tax funds approved as part of the County's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget approved on September 28, 2021, as more specifically set forth in the Grant Funding Agreement between the County and YCOE, including the attachments thereto, approved by the Board on May 10, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTION:

Angel Barajas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Clerk
Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)

By: 
Kimberly Hood, Assistant County Counsel