

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-177

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN RAVEN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF YOLO

WHEREAS, Jonathan Raven has announced his retirement after nearly 30 years of service to crime victims in Yolo County and across the state of California; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Loyola Law School in 1991, he spent five years working in a civil law firm. He then began his career at the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in 1996; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by Attorney General Bill Lockyear in 2002, as the Director of the Office of Victim Services for the Attorney General's Office, where he advocated for victims and worked on policy issues and legislation; and

WHEREAS, he was then appointed by newly elected District Attorney Jeff Reisig in 2007, as his Asst. Chief Deputy District Attorney, and then in 2010, he was appointed as the Chief Deputy District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, he manages the day-to-day operations of the office, numerous grants, and a robust intern program; he oversees training, and is a mentor to all, from law student interns to the most seasoned attorney, and everyone in between; and

WHEREAS, even with a tremendously busy schedule, he successfully prosecuted a hate motivated murder case; and

WHEREAS, by way of Mental Health Court (MHC) , Addiction Intervention Court (AIC), and the Mental Health Diversion program (MH-Div), he is an assiduous advocate for those who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system as a result of mental health and substance use disorders and he is currently leading the efforts in developing a Young Adults Collaborative Court; and

WHEREAS, he was part of a team that drafted and co-sponsored three bills in 2022, that were signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. AB 2418 "Data Transparency" requires prosecutors, under the guidance of the Attorney General, to gather and provide multiple points of data concerning the prosecution of cases; AB 2778 "Race Blind Charging" requires county prosecutors to implement a process where race information is redacted within police reports at the initial charging assessment; and AB 1360 "Hope California" creates a voluntary pilot program that allows the court to authorize temporary confined drug treatment, instead of jail or prison, for those who have been convicted of certain non-violent felonies due to their Substance Use Disorder (SUD); and

WHEREAS, he is the Chair of the Yolo County Local Mental Health Board; an instructor at the Museum of Tolerance in LA, teaching a POST-mandated racial profiling course to police officers; an adjunct professor at UC Davis King Hall School of Law, teaching trial advocacy; and he was awarded the Prosecutor of the Year award by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Raven's tireless and extraordinary dedication to District Attorney staff, crime victims, constituents, County partners, and fellow committee and board members is unmatched. He is a mensch to all, and he will be missed beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, he will continue his career with the CA District Attorney's Association (CDAA) where he will serve as the Assistant Chief Executive Officer.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors extends its appreciation to Jonathan Raven for his outstanding service to the public as Chief Deputy District Attorney and expresses its sincere gratitude for his high level of professionalism which has directly led to an improved quality of life for many, many Yolo County residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Vixie Sandy, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar E. Villegas, Chair
First District Supervisor

Lucas Frerichs, Second District Supervisor

Mary Vixie Sandy, Third District Supervisor

Jim Provenza, Fourth District Supervisor

Angel Barajas, Fifth District Supervisor