

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 24-161

Recognizing Supervisor Jim Provenza upon his retirement from Yolo County and for his Outstanding Public Service.

WHEREAS, Jim Provenza has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to serving in state and local government, and has spent his entire career advocating for the needs of underserved populations and fighting for justice and equity at every level; and

WHEREAS, Jim's advocacy for underserved members of our communities has spanned not just his professional career, but his entire life. Through his work with the Legal Aid Foundation, in the California State Legislature, and as a Trustee of the Davis Joint Unified School District, Jim has led efforts to stamp down on inequality and discrimination in our society;

WHEREAS, Jim was first elected to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 2008 to represent District 4 which covers north, east, and south Davis, as well as the unincorporated communities of El Macero, Old Willowbank, and the Davis Creek Mobile Home Park; and

WHEREAS, Jim has represented the interests of Yolo County on boards, including the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, the Agency on Aging Area 4, the Yolo Bypass Working Group, as well as at the California State Association of Counties, the Rural County Representatives of California, and the National Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served as the Chair of First Five Yolo Children and Families Commission for over a decade, working to increase resources available to the First 5 Commission to improve the lives of Yolo County's youngest children and their families, including playing an instrumental role in providing Cannabis Tax funds and funding for First 5 Yolo's "Welcome Baby" program to improve maternal and child health more immediately after birth; and

WHEREAS, Jim has consistently championed the efforts of the Yolo Crisis Nursery to help families with children 0-5 in crisis, acting in a pivotal role to help the Crisis Nursery officially incorporate as a nonprofit, consistently supporting funding for services provided by the Yolo Crisis Nursery, and working to secure funding from Yolo County to assist with the construction of a new Crisis Nursery facility in south Davis; and

WHEREAS, Jim has worked to organize the first ever Yolo County Aging Summit to assess the needs of older adults in Yolo County, founding the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance as a response to the lack of coordination for adult services in Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served as Chair of both the Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance and the Yolo County Commission on Aging and Adult Services, working tirelessly to advance the needs of older adults in Yolo County. Under Jim's leadership, both the Healthy Aging Alliance, and the Commission on Aging helped assure proper programs, services and supports are available for Yolo County older adults to have a healthy aging experience, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, when older adults were particularly at risk; and

WHEREAS, Jim wrote the 2020 Yolo County Board of Supervisors Resolution declaring a climate emergency and setting the goal of having Yolo County be carbon negative by 2030, the most ambitious climate action target in the state of California; and

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WHEREAS, Jim has been a champion of farmers in Yolo County, including through the preservation of prime agricultural land and through responding to the needs of the Yolo County Farm Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in his role as Yolo County Supervisor, Jim has consistently advocated for the needs of his constituents including by: working on behalf of the residents of the Davis Creek Mobile Home Park to address a scam which deprived mobile home owners of the equity in their homes; collaborating with the City of Davis to address fire mitigation concerns along the North Fork Putah Creek; supporting the interests and needs of community members at the Davis Migrant Center; protecting small business owners; advocating for the rights of tenants and low-income community members; and other cases too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS, Jim has delivered on major long-standing priorities for Yolo County and the residents of District 4 including, serving as a champion for approval and funding of construction and operation of a new library in Walnut Park in South Davis, leading the effort to relocate the Yolo Adult Day Health Center to a larger location, pushing for the opening of a Health and Human Services Service Center in Davis; and working with local partners to reform and allocate additional resources to Yolo County Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors for 16 years with the upmost distinction and dedication, including 3 terms as Chair of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Jim's dedication to justice and passion for public service, along with his wisdom and judgement in governance will be deeply missed and will have lasting impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and thanks Jim Provenza for his extensive commitment to the good of Yolo County and the benefit of all people and wishes him the best for his future and happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of December 2024 by the following vote:

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

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors