

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-08

Commending Karleen Jakowski for her Dedicated Service to the County of Yolo

WHEREAS, Karleen Jakowski began working for Yolo County Health and Human Services as the Deputy Branch Director of the Child, Youth and Family branch in June of 2019, and promoted to Branch Director and Child Welfare Director in March of 2020. Karleen became the Interim Mental Health Director for Yolo County in February 2022. In August 2022, she became the Assistant Director of HHS as well as the County Mental Health Director and the Public Guardian; and

WHEREAS, Karleen is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and attained a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at the California State University – Sacramento and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Karleen has valiantly served her community in a wide variety of social services and behavioral health capacities for more than twenty years, including as a Director of the Department Operations Center (DOC) during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Karleen has been a key player in many community initiatives including the Yolo County Office of Education Roadmap to the Future, Crisis Now, and implementation of the K-12 School Partnerships project. She has served as a First 5 Commissioner, Chair of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), lead of the Children, Youth and Families American Rescue Plan (ARP) Workgroup, a member of the Community Corrections Partnership, and has worked closely with the Local Behavioral Health Board. She has excelled in leadership roles in Statewide and County workgroups through the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to assess and address implementation of statewide initiative, and local projects and challenges, while juggling many other responsibilities and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Karleen has accepted the call to serve our larger community in the role of Senior Director at the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). This position will allow her to make a statewide impact, shaping behavioral health programs to benefit communities across California; and

WHEREAS, Karleen is a health and human services professional who has demonstrated unparalleled dedication to the well-being of our community during the most challenging times in recent history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo does hereby honors and commends Karleen Jakowski for her five years of dedicated service to the County of Yolo and wishes her success in her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors calls upon Yolo County residents to join in recognizing and expressing their appreciation for the dedication and service of Karleen Jakowski.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors