

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-130

Recognizing Dr. Jesse Ortiz for His Outstanding Contributions to Education and Public Service

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Ortiz, a proud native of Woodland, California, has devoted his life to advancing education, equity, and opportunity for students and families across Yolo County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ortiz has served with distinction as a teacher, counselor, school board member, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools from 2015 to 2019, and Trustee of the Yuba Community College District, demonstrating unwavering dedication to student success and educational access for all; and

WHEREAS, throughout his decades of service, Dr. Ortiz has championed first-generation, low-income, and underserved students, ensuring that every learner is seen, supported, and empowered to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to public service extends beyond education, including his honorable service as a United States Marine Corps veteran and his continued involvement in civic and veteran organizations that strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Office of Education named its new Early Childhood Education Center in Woodland in honor of Dr. Jesse Ortiz, a long-time community activist, educator, and advocate for equity—recognizing his decades of leadership and his deep commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the Dr. Jesse Ortiz Early Childhood Education Center was made possible in part by a \$400,000 allocation from the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in 2022, reflecting the County's investment in expanding early learning opportunities and supporting working families; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Jesse Ortiz Early Childhood Education Center created 16 additional childcare slots for local families and for teen parents attending Cesar Chavez Community School, while also offering opportunities for professional development to childcare providers serving vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, this project not only addresses critical childcare shortages but also advances Yolo County's vision of equitable access, economic stability, and strong educational foundations for all children; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of the Dr. Jesse Ortiz Early Childhood Education Center stands as a lasting tribute to Dr. Ortiz's lifelong advocacy, compassion, and leadership, while embodying the County's shared belief that early education is the cornerstone of community well-being and future opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors Dr. Jesse Ortiz for his exceptional leadership, lifelong dedication to public education, and enduring contributions to the people of Yolo County, and expresses profound gratitude for his service to future generations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2025 by the following vote:

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

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors