

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 26-03

***Honoring and Thanking Maria Simas for her Dedicated Service on the Yolo County
Local Behavioral Health Board***

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WHEREAS, during her tenure, Maria Simas contributed extensively to the work of the Board through her participation in Request for Proposal reviews, and active engagement with the community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Simas served two terms as Vice Chair of the Local Behavioral Health Board, providing thoughtful leadership and guidance in support of the Board's mission; and

WHEREAS, the Local Behavioral Health Board, with Maria Simas's support, regularly provided guidance and recommendations to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the Health & Human Services Agency on mental health, substance use, and public guardianship policy; and

WHEREAS, during Maria Simas's service, the Board expanded its work by conducting site visits across Yolo County and inviting guest speakers to better understand service delivery challenges, including staffing shortages, which led to informed recommendations and increased support for critical programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board strengthened community partnerships and improved public access by collaborating with organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), rotating meeting locations throughout the county, and ensuring meetings were recorded and available online; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments reflect a commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful public oversight, and Maria Simas's service has had a lasting and positive impact on the Local Behavioral Health Board and the residents of Yolo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and thank Maria Simas for her years of dedicated service, leadership, and advocacy on the Yolo County Local Behavioral Health Board; and extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Maria Simas, with gratitude for her lasting contributions to the Yolo County community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January 2026, by the following vote:

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

Sheila Allen, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors