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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed staff cuts affecting Yolo County. Although I know these cuts will greatly affect all involved departments, I'm writing on behalf of the Assessor's Office specifically. I have been an appraiser with the Assessor's Office for 10 year this November. During my time here I have seen a number of employees come and go and have felt the long term affects of every staffing change. Because of this, I'm deeply concerned about the positions up for elimination that could potentially affect the Assessor's Office. There are three filled positions listed as part of the proposal that could potentially be removed from this office, along with three unfilled open positions. These filled positions include two Assessor Clerk Recorder Assistant positions and one Office Support Specialist. The open positions listed in the proposal include one Assessor Clerk Recorder Specialist, one Principal Appraiser and one Senior Appraiser.

I would like to make it clear that these are not un-needed positions. Over the past 10 years that I have been an appraiser, the Assessor's Office has continuously operated with a reduced number of employees then previous years. As an appraiser I was hired with a team of 11 other appraisers including one principal and additionally our chief Assessor. As our team stands now, we have 8 full time appraisers including one deputy appraiser and additionally our chief Assessor. This means we are currently operating with 3 less appraisers and for the first time in 10 years no principal appraiser. Over the past several years any appraiser position we have lost has taken 6 months to a year to fill which has greatly increased our back log of work. We have already been waiting a significant amount of time to fill the two open positions we have, which were not newly created positions. These were long standing, necessary positions for the appraisal workload which is already too great for the previous 11 appraiser positions we held.

I'm greatly concerned about losing these two positions as our county continues to grow. Multiple new subdivisions, increased sales, increased building permits, but already less staff to work them. As it stands now, each appraiser in the Assessor's office has a work load that is too large to complete by the end of each fiscal year. This should be highly concerning to anyone reviewing the Yolo County budget as the Assessors office's work is directly responsible for the majority of the general funds. I believe 67% of it. Each year we close the tax roll with work outstanding due to insufficient staffing for the workload. And continuing that trend with eliminating previously filled position will only increase the amount of assessments left incomplete when the tax roll is closed each year, which has the potential to impact the county

deficit even more. The less assessments completed each year, the less property taxes collected. And with the general fund operating with 67% of its funds coming directly from these taxes, It is in my opinion that cutting positions from this income generating office would be determinately to the County and the county general funds.

Outside of the two open appraiser positions up for elimination. There are potentially 4 other office/support staff type positions we could lose. Similar to the already reduced number of appraiser positions, our office and support staff have been operating with reduced number of employees over the last 10 years. From when I first started with this office till now, our office staff totaled 9 full time positions. As of today, we are operating with 6. These positions are extremely important to the Assessor's office as they provide customer service to all Yolo County property owners, they are also responsible for processing all sales, change of ownerships and permits in preparation for assessments. This department is in desperate need of more office staff so the idea that we have even one position up for elimination seems like a very mismanaged and under evaluated decision based on the long term affects to both the Assessor's office, the Yolo County general found, and the Yolo County taxpayers.

With all that said, I know that these proposed cuts affect all of Yolo County and are not the ideal outcome for anyone. Thank you for taking the time to consider these positions and how they will affect the Assessor's Office.

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