

Good morning, Chair Allen and members of the Board. I am Dr. Erika Roshanravan, a family physician and Chair of the Yolo County Health Council. Our Council represents every supervisorial district, our healthcare systems, and health CBOs.

Last week, HHSA proposed cutting nearly \$9 million from their non-general funds. These cuts are already devastating. **I am here to urge the Board to exclude HHSA and Public Health from any additional General Fund cuts.**

In our March letter to this Board, we argued that HHSA fulfills non-negotiable needs: food, housing, health enrollment, and child welfare. These cannot be replicated in other departments. Now, federal H.R. 1 mandates will double the administrative burden to enroll and keep residents on Medi-Cal and CalFresh. We cannot automate our way out of this; cutting staff while the workload doubles is a recipe for functional failure.

When people fall off CalFresh, they don't eat. When they lose Medi-Cal, they forego care until they hit the ER, often becoming dependent on indigent care (CMSP) that the county is mandated to pay for. It is fiscally responsible to invest in the staff needed to prevent these expensive imminent downstream outcomes.

The proposed budget cuts 22 positions from the enrollment branch. Crucially, 18 of these are filled positions. These are not empty desks; they are the people who keep Yolo County fed and insured. To lose staff capacity while H.R. 1 doubles the workload is not just a reduction; it risks a collapse of our county safety net.

HHSA has already sacrificed \$9 million to address the structural deficit. For the health and well-being of our residents, I urge you to not cut HHSA further from the General Fund. Thank you.