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RE: Agenda Item 29

As a current Yolo County employee, I would like to address the Board regarding discussions of potential layoffs. As a member of the Public Defender's Office—one of the smaller departments in the County—I can confirm that layoffs harm both employees and the community we serve.

With already limited resources, community members cannot afford additional delays in accessing services such as public health, behavioral health, and other essential community programs. Federal funding cuts have already placed significant strain on many community-based service providers. Reducing the County workforce will only further slow service delivery and negatively impact those who rely on these critical supports.

There are viable alternatives to layoffs that should be carefully considered, including furloughs, golden handshakes, expanded remote work options, reduction or elimination of service contracts, and shorter work weeks.

I respectfully urge the Board to prioritize these alternatives before making decisions that would significantly impact employees' livelihoods and the well-being of our community.

Warmly,



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