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As a current Yolo County employee, I would like to address the Board regarding layoffs. As a member of the Public Defender's Office, one of the County's smaller departments, I have seen firsthand how staffing limitations affect both employees and the community members who depend on our services.

Our community cannot afford additional delays in accessing critical resources, including public health, behavioral health, and other essential County programs. Many community-based organizations are already struggling to meet growing needs as a result of federal funding reductions. Further reductions to the County workforce would place additional strain on an already stretched system, resulting in longer wait times, reduced access to services, and increased hardship for vulnerable residents.

Before considering layoffs, I respectfully urge the Board to fully explore alternative cost-saving measures, including furloughs, voluntary retirement incentives, or golden handshakes, expanded remote work opportunities, reductions in contracted services, and modified work schedules. These options may help address budget challenges while preserving the workforce that residents rely on every day.

I respectfully ask the Board to prioritize solutions that protect both County employees and the communities we serve. The decisions made today will have lasting impacts on employee livelihoods, public services, and the well-being of Yolo County residents.

Warmly,



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