

May 27, 2026

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

625 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society, representing Yolo County physicians, we write to express concern over potential reduced funding and staffing within the Yolo County Department of Health and Human Services (HHSA).

We recognize the County's fiscal challenges, including the need to reduce General Fund expenditures by \$15 million annually over the next three years and proposed reductions of approximately 15 percent. However, we are concerned about the impact on HHSA given its existing structural deficits and limited reliance on General Fund support.

HHSA operates with approximately \$254 million in total revenues, with only about 5 percent from the General Fund, while facing an estimated \$11.7 million non-General Fund shortfall in fiscal year 2026–2027. Additional General Fund reductions risk compounding impacts to essential services and staffing capacity.

Reductions to administrative staffing, particularly for Medi-Cal, directly affect patient access. These programs often retain eligibility but lose the capacity to function. When staffing is insufficient, patients experience delays in care, leading to gaps in prevention, interruptions in treatment, and increased reliance on emergency departments.

Timely access to care is critical for patient outcomes, public health, and cost containment. Especially when considering threats from hantavirus and Ebola, in addition to reduced resources at the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We respectfully urge the Board to prioritize adequate staffing within HHSA and to minimize additional General Fund reductions given its existing deficit and critical role in serving vulnerable populations.

As physicians, we remain committed to supporting the health of Yolo County residents and welcome the opportunity to collaborate on solutions that preserve access to care.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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