



June 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Blacklock and Mr. Vaziri,

The Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance (YHAA) is pleased that the County and Dignity Health are making progress toward expanding the Yolo Adult Day Health Center (YADHC) at the current 20 Cottonwood Street site. At the September 25, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting County staff committed to report back to the Board in March 2019. YHAA is eager to learn about the conceptual plan when it is presented to the Adult and Aging Commission for review and recommendations before it goes to the Board for review and approval.

YHAA believes that the YADHC expansion planning process will benefit from broad-based community input. Through outreach to the community and stakeholders, more buy-in and support for the process and the project can be achieved. As we have offered in the past, YHAA stands ready to assist in facilitating meaningful public outreach and participation. Through regular meetings of our 100 plus member Collaboration and Advocacy Committees, as well as our daily contacts with Yolo County residents, we are well-informed and well-positioned to support a robust community feedback process. In addition, YHAA can infuse the process with abundant subject area knowledge, expertise, and creative ideas waiting to be tapped.

There is significant, positive community support for YADHC and interest in the expansion project. Over years of anticipation, the following hopes and themes have been expressed by County residents and are shared by YHAA:

- Project planning should extend beyond the single goal of building a new facility for a stand-alone YADHC.
- YADHC expansion presents huge opportunities for addressing multiple needs in the adult and aging community. Yolo County should be forward-thinking and make the most of this opportunity.
- This is an opportunity to build a hub where county residents can receive an array of services such as community and provider education, respite and recuperative care, senior fitness programs, care coordination, chronic disease management, caregiver support, and behavioral health.
- The current site offers multiple opportunities, including for higher density, mixed-use, urban design that could accommodate a wellness service center in alignment with current goals and approaches set forth in the Woodland General Plan 2035.

Community stakeholders created and have continued to support the Yolo Adult Day Health Center for over three decades and want and need to have a voice in the planning and implementation of the future of the center and the site project. YHAA looks forward to partnering with you and to assist in any way we can.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Reed".

Suzanne Reed, Vice Chair

cc: Yolo County Board of Supervisors

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