Citizens’ Advisory Board

For the first time, residents of El Macero and Willowbank will be entitled to representation on a citizens’ advisory board. The purpose of the board is to advise the County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on land use issues involving the unincorporated areas south and east of the City of Davis.

Recently, developers have proposed to locate high power transmission lines and a 350 foot radio tower near residential neighborhoods in El Macero and Willowbank. More development proposals are expected in the future.

With a citizens’ advisory board, developers will now be required to bring proposals to the advisory board before their applications can be considered by the County Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. While the decisions of the board will be advisory, this process will empower residents of Willowbank and El Macero to get involved early in order to protect local interests and help shape the outcome of the process.

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Family Justice Center

For Yolo Children and Families

Supervisor Jim Provenza, District Attorney Jeff Reisig, Sheriff Ed Prieto, and the representatives of many local non-profit agencies have announced the planning and creation of a Yolo County Family Justice Center. Victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse will be served by the Family Justice Center, a collaborative effort that will bring multiple services under one roof.

Every day a woman, child or elderly person suffers physical abuse at the hands of another. Unless it is stopped early, this violence can escalate to the point where there is a serious physical injury or death.

The Family Justice Center concept is a nation-wide model proven to reduce child abuse and domestic violence and to increase the likelihood of successful criminal prosecution. Under this approach, representatives from existing agencies, such as law enforcement, prosecutors, civil attorneys, family counselors, and health professionals provide coordinated services at a central location and satellite offices.

Victims will no longer face navigating multiple locations and conflicting advice in a time of crisis.

The Family Justice Center Project will be carried out without the expenditure of additional County funds. The project will be supported by existing County staff, together with funding from private donors and foundations. In these tough budget times, working together to coordinate resources and make the process more efficient will allow Yolo County to better serve victims of family violence and protect our community. We expect greater access for victims, more success in the criminal prosecution of domestic violence and child abuse cases, greater efficiencies for the agencies involved, and brighter futures for families.

If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please contact District 4 Deputy Supervisor Gina Daleiden at 530-757-5555.
Using Solar to Save Money at County Facilities

Yolo County is generating cost savings as well as clean and renewable energy with solar panels at the Davis Library and at the Justice Campus/Yolo County Jail in Woodland.

The Davis Library solar panels not only produce energy and financial savings, but also create cover for the bicycle structure at the newly remodeled building. The structure will have space for 24 bikes, bringing the number of bicycle parking slots to 70 at the site.

The solar power system at the Yolo County Justice Campus will save almost $9 million over the next 25 years and meet 50% of the County’s greenhouse gas reduction requirements. Yolo County residents and businesses, as well as our environment, benefit. By avoiding more than 2 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions each year, this project is the equivalent of removing 5,700 cars from the road. When operating at full capacity, the panels will generate power for 80 percent of the needs of the County jail and related facilities.

On both the Justice Campus and Davis Library project, the County partnered with SunPower Corp, a company headquartered in San Jose and delivering leading-edge solar technology.