

The Yolo County District Attorney is seeking volunteers for Neighborhood Court Panelists

Do you want to participate in Neighborhood Court as a Panelist with your fellow citizens?

Are you interested in improving the quality of life in your city?

Are you interested in working with your fellow citizens to address the harm to the community caused by crime?

Do you believe that you can identify solutions that would help the offender avoid repeating the same mistakes that led to the offense?

Qualifications:

Reside or work in the City of West Sacramento for a minimum of three years.

Familiarity with the different neighborhoods in West Sacramento.

Willing to learn how to apply restorative justice concepts to solve problems.

Able to work with others to solve problems.

Able to commit to participation in the program for two years.

No felony convictions or recent misdemeanor convictions.

To request an application packet, contact:

**DDA Chris Bulkeley
(530) 681-6323**

(Please leave a message including your phone number if you get voicemail)

Or email neighborhoodcourt@yolocounty.org

For more information, go to www.yoloda.org



NEIGHBORHOOD COURT



Neighborhood Court is an alternative to Criminal Court.

At Neighborhood Court, a panel of citizens decides how to resolve the case.

Panelists are residents who volunteer to hear the cases.

The hearing is confidential and is not a criminal court proceeding.

Going to Neighborhood Court is voluntary.

Neighborhood Court resolves cases quickly.

Neighborhood court has the potential to benefit participants.

Neighborhood Court has the potential to benefit communities and the criminal justice system.



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Neighborhood Court is a restorative justice program initiated by the Yolo County District Attorney's office in cooperation with the West Sacramento Police Department to address nonviolent and low level crimes through community-based solutions to swiftly redress the harm caused by these offenses outside of the traditional criminal justice system. The purpose of this program is to address criminal violations that impact the quality of life of our neighborhoods.



As a restorative justice program Neighborhood Court strengthens neighborhoods impacted by criminal activity in four ways:

- Restore Victim
- Restore Community
- Restore Offender
- Educate Offender