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**Learn about the Criminal Justice System at the
Yolo County District Attorney's Virtual Citizens Academy**
Applications now being accepted

(Woodland, CA) – February 10, 2021 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig recently announced that the annual Yolo County District Attorney Citizens Academy will be held virtually this year. The academy is sponsored by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Davis Police Department, the UC Davis Police Department, the West Sacramento Police Department, the Winters Police Department, the Woodland Police Department, and the Yolo County Probation Department.

The Citizen's Academy is an eight-week journey designed to involve diverse communities in participating in mutual learning about the criminal justice system. The goal is to educate the public and improve relationships and communication between the many different communities in Yolo County and the criminal justice system.

Topics this year will include: the role of the District Attorney; the role of law enforcement; victim services; gangs; restorative justice practices and collaborative courts addressing mental illness and addiction; breaking barriers addressing the schools to prison pipeline. In past years, participants have toured the jail and observed K-9 officer presentations.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated that "The Academy provides a comprehensive look at the criminal justice system in Yolo County. Together we will explore how the system interplays with our communities from West Sacramento to the rural areas." Reisig continued, "I think participants will be educated, enlightened and entertained."

The Academy will meet every Thursday for eight weeks, from April 15, 2021, to June 3, 2021, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. To enroll please contact Wendy Wilcox by email at: wendy.wilcox@yolocounty.org, by phone at: (530) 666-8356, or you can log on to www.yoloda.org for more information. Class space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age and be a resident of Yolo County. Application deadline is April 3, 2021.

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