



**Yolo County Board of Education and  
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #24-25/3  
Disability Voting Rights Week – September 9-13, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Disability Voting Rights Week is about protecting the rights of people with disabilities to participate fully in our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, voting is the foundation of our democracy, and all voters should have the right to an accessible, private and independent option to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, there were over 38 million people with disabilities who are eligible to vote but access barriers keep many disabled voters from accessing their right to vote, comprising nearly one-sixth of the American electorate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Yolo County is home to nearly 20,000 voting-age residents with some type of disability according to the 2021 American Community Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, people with disabilities make up the largest minority in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the disability community has a critical interest in policies and decisions made and enacted at local, state, and national levels that impact their lives directly; and

**WHEREAS**, states are seeing an increasing population with mobility, visual, communicative, physical, and/or cognitive impairments; and

**WHEREAS**, making sure people with disabilities have access to voting is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities in our communities; and voting is one way for the disability community to have a say in the people and policies that impact our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a Rutgers University study commissioned by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, over 80% of voters with disabilities reported voting independently without any difficulty in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the recent progress for supporting voters with disabilities has occurred in the last 20 years since the passage of the Help America Vote Act passed in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to do to fulfill the Help America Vote Act's promise of accessible elections for all people with disabilities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools that September 9-13, 2024 is recognized as Disability Voting Rights Week and the community is encouraged to highlight the ongoing work to support voters with disabilities throughout the voting process; and

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on August 13, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip**

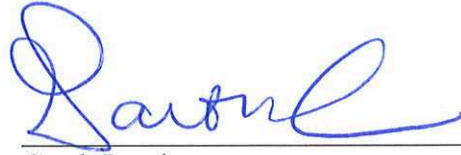
**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: Zendejas**



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Shelton Yip, President  
Yolo County Board of Education



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Garth Lewis  
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools