

# DIVEST

from

# Yuba City Police Department

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# Defund Police = DIVEST from Police funds to INVEST in community-based public safety programs

**INVEST in mental health and wellness, housing, education, community centers and healthcare.**

DIVEST in the militarization of police, in the use of police for mental health crisis, in the use of police for homelessness, in the cooperation with federal immigration enforcement agents, and police officers in school.

INVEST in social workers and healthcare workers and facilities to address mental health crisis and homelessness and INVEST in school psychologists not school policeman.

*\*These are by no means exhaustive lists, but it suggests starts.*

Based on my conversation with the Yuba City Police Chief Rob Landon, the Yuba City Police Department adheres to California's high standard for police training.

By this logic, the Yuba City Police Department and San Francisco Police Department adhere to the same standards.

According to Los Angeles Times, San Francisco police officers will be replaced with trained, unarmed professionals to respond to calls for help on non-criminal matters involved mental health, the homeless, school discipline, and neighbor disputes...

- Therefore, Yuba City should also move towards less policing and more community-led programs help would be more specifically trained to help the community.

Yuba City HIGHLY needs investment in their communities.

Data reflects Yuba City as a diverse city with diverse communities

<b>Racial and Ethnic Composition of Population</b>				
		<b>% Distribution</b>		
<b>Race / Ethnic Origin*</b>	<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>US</b>
American Indian or Alaska Native	985	1.4%	1.0%	1.0%
Asian	12,841	18.7%	13.8%	5.2%
Black or African American	1,715	2.5%	6.0%	12.7%
Hispanic or Latino	20,188	30.1%	28.9%	17.5%
Multi-race / Other	15,125	22.6%	22.6%	9.8%
Pacific Islander	222	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%
White	36,290	54.2%	56.0%	71.0%

*Source: Nielsen/Claritas, 2015 data (Dec 2015); (1) Depending on the factor, Claritas uses either Census projections or real data; this may result in some variation among population totals in different tables (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, etc.)*

*\*Hispanic or Latino and Race*

\*just read up to the “Local” column, no need to read State and US\*

# Data reflects a lack of well-paying jobs and careers for Yuba City inhabitants

<b>Income Level</b>			
	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>US</b>
Per Capita (2014) <sup>1</sup>	\$24,289	\$30,441	\$28,889
Median Household (2015)	\$49,683	\$60,244	\$53,706
Average Household (2015)	\$66,841	\$84,669	\$74,165

*Source: Nielsen/Claritas, 2015 data; (1) US Census Bureau, ACS Table B19301, Per Capita Income in the Past 12 months (in 2014 Inflation Adjusted Dollars (Dec 2015))*

<b>Household Income Distribution</b>				
		<b>% Distribution</b>		
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>US</b>
Under \$35,000	7,858	34.6%	30.5%	22.7%
\$35,000 - \$50,000	3,455	15.7%	12.5%	13.6%
\$50,001 - \$75,000	4,103	18.7%	16.9%	17.8%
\$75,001 - \$100,000	2,423	11.0%	11.9%	11.9%
Over \$100,000	4,368	19.8%	28.0%	22.8%

*Source: Nielsen/Claritas, 2015 data (Dec 2015)*

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In 2018, White people in Sutter County made up 50% of the households that depended on welfare's food stamps, while African/Black people made up only 4%

## CalFresh (Food Stamp) Participation, by Race/Ethnicity

Sutter County	Percent of Households
African American/Black	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian/Filipino/Pacific Islander	7%
Hispanic/Latino	34%
White	50%
Multiracial	3%
Other	2%



## Data reflects a lack of support for Yuba City inhabitants' education

Educational Attainment of Population over 25 Years of Age			
		% Distribution	
Years of School Completed	Total	Local	State
Less than High School	8,911	21.2%	18.7%
High School	9,510	22.6%	20.7%
Some College	11,309	26.8%	22.0%
Associate's Degree	4,689	11.1%	7.8%
Bachelor's Degree	5,690	13.5%	19.5%
Graduate or Doctorate Degree	1,961	4.7%	11.2%

Source: Nielsen/Claritas, 2015 data (Dec 2015)

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The following may be helpful for our students to be successful:

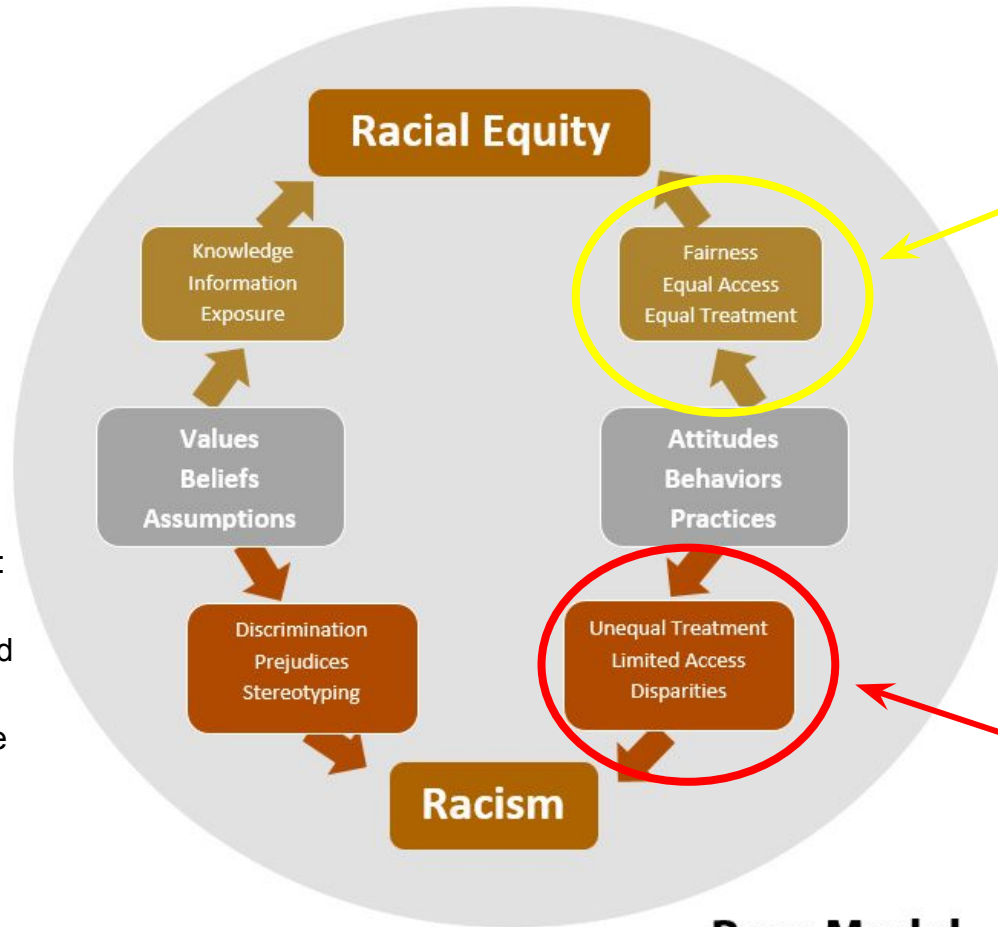
- wide college preparation programs
- community centers with student tutoring services and mentoring services
- educational and professional development workshops
- summer internships in the community (e.g. doctor shadowing, engineering, business)
- community partnerships with the schools

## Yuba City has a mental health crisis related to substance abuse

Substance abuse-related hospitalizations in Marysville, California – located in Yuba County in the northern Central Valley region, at 324.7 per 100,000 population – were more than double state rates of 143.8 per 100,000 population in 2011.[\[30\]](#) Yuba City had much higher rates as did Yuba County overall, and the city of Olivehurst also had high incidents of hospitalizations for substance abuse-related issues as well.[\[31\]](#) Hospitalizations for mental health concerns were also higher in all three cities than the state of California in general (Marysville 256.0 per 100,000, Yuba City 238.5 per 100,000, and Olivehurst rates were 173.2 per 100,000).[\[32\]](#)

**Structural Racism Definition:**  
It is a system of hierarchy and inequity, primarily characterized by white supremacy – the preferential treatment, privilege and power for white people at the expense of Black, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Arab and other racially oppressed people.

Lawrence 2004



This is where Yuba City could be tomorrow with action today.

This is where Yuba City is today.

## Race Model

Developed by Michael R. Twyman, Ph.D.  
(October 2013)

Yuba City should build community centers for the following communities:

Black people

LGBTQ+ people

Native American People

Asian People

Latinx People

Youth

Women

Undocumented people

People with mental illnesses

Homeless people

Urban Planning Ethics: \*\*always ask the neighborhood if they are okay with building a community center in their backyards\*\*

Idea: Build a 5-story building where the old K-Mart used to be and dedicate each floor for each community.

# Immediate actions the council can take:

- Host a public hearing where you hear the community's input on divesting and investing police funds
- Create a city council committee for equity, diversity, and inclusion with members from the community
- Motion to Table Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the City of Yuba City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating and Capital Budgets and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Appropriations Limit UNTIL a proper public hearing is hosted

# Acknowledgements of the resources that helped me in Yuba City/Sutter County

## Head Start Program

- Started my education and socialization early on

## Park Avenue Elementary School (PAES)

- PAES After School Program: For offering me a place to be afterschool, fun social activities, and make me feel more connected to my community.
- PAES Gifted and Talented Education: For offering me opportunities to learn how to use the computer in the late 2000s.
- My teachers who educated me
- The principal during 5th grade who applied for funding so that my whole class could go to Shady Creek for free
- Free and reduced lunch

## Richland Housing

- For providing subsidized housing to my mother and me during my childhood years

## Sutter County Library

- For offering summer reading programs, fun learning programs, and books to read

## Andros Karperos Middle School

- Student Leadership (7th & 8th grade)
- Track and Field (6th-8th grade), Volleyball(7th & 8th grade), Basketball (7th & 8th grade)
- My teachers who educated me
- Free and reduced lunch

## Yuba City School District Buses

- For offering me free ride to my elementary and middle schools

## Yuba City High School

- Associated Student Body Leadership (12th grade)
- Spanish Honor Society, M.E.Ch.A, Key Club...too many clubs to list
- Student Leadership (9th-11th grade)
- Volleyball (9th & 10th), Tennis (11th & 12th), Basketball (9th-12th), Soccer(10th)
- ROP programs
  - For offering me the opportunity to learn video composition
- My teachers who educated me
  - Special shoutout to Mr. Montenegro (my AP Spanish Teacher) who taught us some history of Latin America in addition to Spanish
- Career Center
  - Special thanks to Mr. Shaw for sending a scholarship listserv, and to ALL the scholarship foundations from this listserv that sponsored me
- Free and reduced lunch

## Educational Talent Search Chico State

- College counselor Leah Slem who helped me LEARN about USA colleges and APPLY to them
  - Special thanks to her because I wouldn't have applied and been accepted to Cornell University and UCLA.
  - For providing me the opportunity to attend Upward Bound Math and Science Program at UC Berkeley summer after 9th grade

## Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health

- For offering psychological counseling during my teenage years which is possibly the toughest phase in my opinion, it was definitely relieving having someone to talk to outside my friends and family
- Peach Tree Health Clinic by the Sutter County Jail
- Friendly and reliable service from my primary doctors Dr. Wu and Dr. Gonzalez

## Yuba College

- For offering high schoolers the opportunity to take college classes during summer, and even during the year.
- Took my first college class during the summer after sophomore year

## Yuba Sutter Transit Bus

- For providing me a means of transportation to middle school and Yuba College (my commute to Yuba College was a two hour commute)
- Special shoutout to the reduced monthly passes for minors and seniors

## To my mother and all the programs that have supported her well-being

- Special shoutout to the Yuba College conjunction program with Sacramento State to offer her an opportunity to graduate with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education
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\*I did my best to include the majority of resources that helped me, but I may have omitted some accidentally.

I did NOT pull myself up my own bootstraps, I received the help of countless people.

“I recognize the spaces in which I took where limited. Thus, I want to see expansive programs that reach the communities that most need it. To build equity is what what this city needs.” -Elisa Rojas Palato

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