

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE YUBA )  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS )  
IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED )  
REGULATORY CHANGES TO THE )  
SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-042**

**WHEREAS**, Syringe Exchange Program Regulatory Consistency Published on February 19, 2021 by California Department of Public Health (CDPH) proposed regulatory changes to the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) with impacts to cities and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the proposal CDPH is to remove the words “local ordinances” from CCR Title 17, Section 7002(a)(13)(A) and Section 7014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors must weigh the entirety of impacts proposed regulatory changes may pose on health and safety risks to the residents of the County of Yuba; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Board of Supervisors strongly believe in a harm reduction approach to decrease the risk of communicable diseases transmission among persons who injects drugs, as with all successful public health implementations, a harm reduction approach should be sensitive to the local context of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, what may work in other regions of the state may not work as well for the County of Yuba, for the County of Yuba face distinctive local challenges and limited resources; and

**WHEREAS**, there were no indication in the prior program applications that SEP has reviewed the local ordinances of the County of Yuba to determine compliance with local ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, potential increases in used syringes found in communities not properly disposed of with SEPs, the simple provision of a tool, of which there is no oversight or consequence, leaves many in our communities in danger; and

**WHEREAS**, this places a heavy burden on first responders and community groups cleaning nuisances left behind in public areas; and

**WHEREAS**, community engagement is critical to successful harm reduction implementation;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors hope that the State can work collaboratively and closely with our local health jurisdiction to ensure successful implementation and oversight of any harm reduction programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors opposes the Syringe Exchange Program Regulatory Consistency Published on February 19, 2021 by CDPH.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the 23 day of March, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bradford, Fletcher

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
Chairman

ATTEST: RACHEL FERRIS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Mary Pasillas, Board Clerk

Michael J. Ciccozzi *for*  
YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

