

June 26, 2023

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 South Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

Honorable Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to voice my support for an East County Family Justice Center to be located in Simi Valley.

I have over 30 years experience working with the County of Ventura in multiple departments including the Board of Supervisors Office, Districts 2 and 4, both of which are in the East County. During my tenure, I worked with many residents who would have benefited from the services a Family Justice Center provides. This is an exemplary model of service and I applaud the District Attorney for bringing services to the people and providing greater access.

With my background in both the 2nd and 4th Districts, I believe that locating the East County Family Justice Center in the City of Simi Valley will be the best fit. It will provide the biggest impact by decreasing some rather significant barriers to this vital service - such as transportation - and place it in a community where it is most needed.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts and I am looking forward to seeing the East County Family Justice Center open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melody Rafelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melody Rafelson