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COUNTY LIBRARIAN SELECTED FOR NEW LEADERSHIP NETWORK

The Fresno County Public Library is proud to share that Laurel Prysiazny, County Librarian has been selected to join the inaugural class of **The James Irvine Foundation New Leadership Network**. The Network is an innovative new program that brings together diverse San Joaquin Valley leaders across issues, sectors and generations. Together, this group of individuals will learn, collaborate and build relationships with one another to contribute to a better future for the Valley.

This program differs from other leadership programs in two ways. First, it will include a unique mix of individuals, who are brought together across traditional divides. Second, it will share innovative leadership and social change approaches, and it will help create an enduring network of leaders committed to improving the Valley for decades to come.

Over the next six months, Laurel will be part of a group of 12 local leaders who will:

- join one of three groups which will meet over a period of six months;
- learn and collaborate with their group through three intensive immersion workshops;
- participate in a study trip to another community;
- actively engage with one another inside and outside the sessions; and
- continue to engage as alumni after completion of the program.

The Fresno County Public Library—like so many other organizations in our community—understands the well-documented economic, social and educational challenges facing the community. We also see that there is a growing group of emerging leaders creating renewed energy and opportunities in the region. They are already making a difference in their industries and issue areas, and yet they also see an opportunity to make a greater difference by working across agencies, organizations and sectors.

As a funder with a long-term commitment to the San Joaquin Valley, The James Irvine Foundation has heard from many local leaders that now is the time to help these creative, resilient leaders work together more effectively. The Foundation has created the New Leadership Network to make that opportunity a reality.

To learn more: www.irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org

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