Commentary: Governor’s budget hurts housing options for foster youths

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In 2023, Gov. Newsom signed a state budget that would include a supplement to this rate based on local housing increases. We cannot afford to reduce this critical funding.

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Comings & Goings: March is here, and with it comes more options for Davis residents to enjoy. Here are some events happening in the community:

- Feb 17: The Avid Reader Bookstore presents a reading and discussion with author Robert Weimer.
- Feb 18: The Davis Enterprise’s “Making It Happen” series features expert interviews and updates.
- Feb 19: The Gorman Museum of Native American History presents a day of Native American arts and crafts.
- Feb 20: The Davis Enterprise hosts a book signing event with local author Sarah Ruiz-Grossman.
- Feb 21: The Davis Enterprise offers a chance to win a copy of the latest book release from a local author.

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