

**Response to Grand Jury Report Form**Report Title: **Who Can Afford to Live in Sonoma County? A Tale of Two Cities**

Report Date: June 13, 2025

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Agency/Department Name: City of Santa Rosa

**FINDINGS:**

[List numbers: ie. F1, F2]

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

[List numbers: ie. R2, R3]

- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered: R2 require(s) further analysis.  
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. ***This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.***)
- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pages attached: 1

(See attached PC Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

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- R2. By January 30, 2026, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and each of the nine city councils will agree to create an ongoing Affordable Housing Collaborative, which includes jurisdiction leaders, community members, grass roots organizations and housing advocates, who will share both positive and negative experiences and identify “best practices.”

The City of Santa Rosa will participate, to the extent feasible, in an Affordable Housing Collaborative as described in Recommendation 2. The City encourages the Grand Jury to further examine the current constraints on affordable housing development that are not within the purview of the nine cities or the County which include the allocation of federal financial resources to the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma, the allocation of federal and state tax credits to assist with the financing of affordable housing developments, the funding and award of affordable housing dollars from the State of California, as well as the ongoing financial obligations of developments which includes increasing property insurance expenses.