

Grand Jury Report

Response to 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report- Affordable Housing

City Council

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Affordable Housing: Past, Present and Future – “Do It, or the State Will Do It For You”

Affordable Housing: Past, Present and Future – “*Do It, or the State Will Do It For You*” addresses availability of affordable housing in the county, and what actions are required to meet State mandates in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

The 26-page report includes twenty-four Findings and eight Recommendations. The Grand Jury has asked the City of Santa Rosa to respond to seventeen of the Findings and eight of the Recommendations.

Affordable Housing: Monitoring and Compliance – “Who is Watching the Henhouse?”

Affordable Housing: Monitoring and Compliance – “Who is Watching the Henhouse?” evaluates the procedures used by the County of Sonoma and the nine cities to monitor compliance of affordable housing requirements.

The 13-page report includes eleven Findings and eight Recommendations. The Grand Jury has asked the City of Santa Rosa to respond to the Findings and seven of the eight Recommendations.

Environmental Review

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager, Housing and Community Services, and the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by motion, authorize the Mayor to provide formal responses to two Sonoma County 2021-2022 Grand Jury Reports:

“Affordable Housing: Past, Present and Future” and
“Affordable Housing: Monitoring and Compliance.”

