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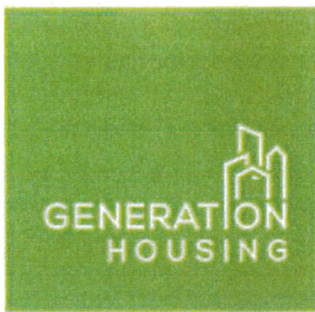
Attached below is a public comment letter from Generation Housing.

All the best,

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Santa Rosa Housing Authority  
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**Item 12.1: Appointment of Resident Advisory Board and Adoption of Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Dear Chair Newton, Commissioners, and Staff,

Generation Housing would like to thank you for your continued commitment to preserving existing affordable housing in Santa Rosa. While new production is essential, preservation plays an equally critical role in ensuring long-term affordability and housing stability for low-income residents.

We appreciate the Housing Authority's ongoing efforts to maintain project-based voucher (PBV) contracts on existing units at Bethlehem Tower, Rosenberg, and Parkwood Apartments. This work helps safeguard affordability and supports reinvestment in existing properties. We also recognize the significant impact of bringing 174 rental units with habitability issues into compliance through routine housing inspections.

Thank you for keeping preservation central to your strategy. It is a vital and often underappreciated piece of our region's housing solution.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Bowen".

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Deputy Director, Generation Housing

