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**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  
Response by: Patricia Farrar-Rivas Title: Mayor  
Agency/Department Name: City of Sonoma

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

[List numbers: R2]

- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ have been implemented.  
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered: R2 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 9-17-2025

Signed: Patricia Farrar-Rivas

Number of pages attached: 1

(See attached PC Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

**R4. Countywide public information campaign on pet licensing (launch by July 1, 2026; BOS/DHS to lead).**

**Report text (summary):** DHS to launch a countywide campaign, in cooperation with cities, explaining the legal imperative and benefits of licensing. (Addresses F7–F9.)

**City of Sonoma response: Will be implemented (in partnership).** The City will amplify the County's campaign locally by: posting licensing/rabies info on City channels; issuing renewal reminders; and cross-linking to SCAS/Pets Lifeline resources. **Timeline:** Begin local amplification upon County campaign launch, **no later than July 1, 2026.**

**R5. Cities contracting with NBAS to inspect/evaluate shelter and services for compliance (due Nov 1, 2025).**

**Report text (summary):** Contracting cities must inspect/evaluate NBAS's shelter condition and operations for compliance with legal mandates and contract terms. (Addresses F2, F11–F12.)

**City of Sonoma response: Not applicable to Sonoma (does not contract with NBAS).** The City of Sonoma's model is Sonoma Police Department (animal control/licensing) with shelter care by SCAS and Pets Lifeline; therefore, R5's NBAS inspection requirement does not apply. Nonetheless, the City will continue ongoing oversight of its service providers through existing agreements and performance reviews.