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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 04, 2025

Response by: Kevin McDonnell Title: Mayor

Agency/Department Name: City of Petaluma

**FINDINGS:**

[List numbers: ie. F1, F2]

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

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

(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: 9/8/2025

Signed: Kevin McDonnell  
Signed by: FE318449A062476

Number of pages attached: 1

(See attached PC Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

*R2. By January 30, 2026, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS) 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."*

As a state-designated Pro-Housing city, Petaluma supports a collaborative approach between the County of Sonoma and its nine cities to advance countywide housing goals, including the potential creation of an Affordable Housing Collaborative. This effort would build on existing regional work, such as the Napa-Sonoma Collaborative, which convened jurisdictions across both counties to address housing production challenges, as well as the ongoing efforts of advocacy organizations such as Generation Housing. These initiatives demonstrate the value of cross-jurisdictional cooperation in creating momentum toward addressing housing affordability. Affordable housing remains a top priority for the Petaluma City Council and the community. The City has taken concrete steps to support this priority, including reducing fees for affordable housing applications and, most recently, establishing a new long-term loan program to help affordable housing developers leverage additional state and federal funding.