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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 17, 2025

Response by: Gerard Giudice Title: Mayor

Agency/Department Name: City of Rohnert Park

FINDINGS: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6

I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6

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

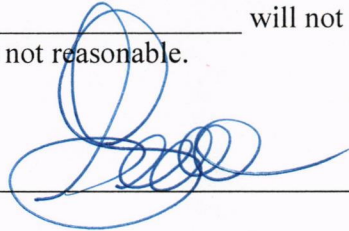
RECOMMENDATIONS: R1

- Recommendations numbered: R1 have been implemented.
A description of implementation is attached.
- Recommendations numbered: N/A have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
- Recommendations numbered: N/A require(s) further analysis.
- Recommendations numbered: N/A will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date:

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Number of pages attached: 1

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Response to Recommendations

R1. By January 30, 2026, Healdsburg and Rohnert Park will each create an ongoing community engagement plan, which includes multilingual community outreach and education, surveys, public workshops, and dedicated working groups.

Rohnert Park Response:

This recommendation has been implemented and will continue to be carried out. The City of Rohnert Park’s certified 6th Cycle Housing Element embeds ongoing and robust community engagement into many of its policies and programs. City staff have already established multilingual outreach, community surveys, public events, and collaboration with community-based organizations to ensure broad and inclusive resident participation.

In 2024 and 2025, the City has hosted annual Housing and Resource Fairs in partnership with Cotati and the Cotati-Rohnert Park Library. The first event, held in September 2024, included over 20 organizations tabling, with housing needs surveys available in English and Spanish at the City of Rohnert Park’s table, and a workshop on tenant-landlord rights. The second annual fair, held in September 2025, continued this robust outreach, featuring more than 20 organizations, bilingual surveys, and a workshop for first-time homebuyers.

These efforts are part of an ongoing outreach strategy that also includes culturally appropriate marketing and outreach procedures for affordable housing programs. The City now requires developers of affordable units to submit marketing plans prioritizing inclusive, multilingual outreach, subject to City Housing staff review. All marketing materials must be provided in English and Spanish and shared with a diverse range of local organizations and community members using City platforms.

Previously, the City convened the Homelessness Roundtable, a dedicated working group that met regularly to address issues of homelessness. While this group no longer meets, City staff maintain a robust email list and provide regular email updates to stakeholders on housing and homelessness topics.

Rohnert Park remains committed to fostering inclusive community engagement on housing matters by ensuring language accessibility, hosting public workshops and community surveys, and supporting working groups, as part of its ongoing effort to involve all residents meaningfully in housing discussions.