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Sonoma City Council
No. 1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA 95476

Dear Sonoma City Council members and City staff,

The members of Sustainable Sonoma--see next page--find agreement across Sonoma Valley in favor of greater housing affordability in the City of Sonoma, among sectors as diverse as business, tourism, racial justice, youth, climate resilience, education, open space preservation, faith, emergency response, and health. Sustainable Sonoma recently released a deeply researched blueprint to achieve this goal: [Homes for a Sustainable Sonoma Valley: Strategic Recommendations for Our Community](https://www.sustainablesonoma.net/homes) (<https://www.sustainablesonoma.net/homes>).

As you make budgeting decisions next week, the Sustainable Sonoma coalition urges you to prioritize allocations that substantially increase the balance in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Only with financial commitments from the City's own coffers can we build the lower-cost homes that could once again make Sonoma a welcome place for more of our community members, including young people, young families, working people, people of color, artists and musicians, entrepreneurs, and retired people on fixed incomes.

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