

## Re-House Sonoma County

Sonoma County has been struggling with a housing shortage and the devastating fires of the last several days have made the situation worse. Sonoma County alone has lost at least 5% of its housing stock. The fires have not discriminated, taking working class to high end housing and leaving ashes of many people's lives.

We are in a housing crisis and risk losing a large number of our workforce who will simply move away if they can't find adequate, affordable housing while they rebuild.

We must also balance our solutions with the need to support and rebuild our hospitality and tourism industry. Not only does our industry employ over 20,000, of whom we have a great responsibility to, but it is also a major economic driver for our local economy.

Yesterday several elected officials and tourism representatives met to discuss our housing crisis and brainstorm solutions. One solution, in which our industry may be able to support efforts, is by voluntarily offering second homes, vacations rentals, unauthorized units and other "housing" opportunities to those who are in need of mid to long term temporary housing.

We have heard from several properties already who are able to support those in need without risking their long-term business viability. We must remember that a community without housing and employees will not thrive any more than a community without jobs.

**If you can participate in the rehousing effort by offering you second home, vacation rental, granny unit, unauthorized unit or other "housing" for 6 months or more, please send an email to [acrabb@live.com](mailto:acrabb@live.com) with the following information. \*\***

Property address

# Bedrooms

# Baths

Lease limit (Maximum # of months available)

Lease per month

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Contact email

Website if available



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