

## Gen H June 2020 Newsletter

### A Public-private Partnership for SRJC Student Housing



In a recent survey to Santa Rosa Junior College students, 30% of the students indicated that they were considering leaving school and the area because of the lack and high cost of housing. One in five of the college's students struggle with "housing insecurity," meaning they are homeless or couch surfing - not knowing where they will sleep the next night or next week.

The student housing crisis was jeopardizing its students' ability to learn and study, negatively impacting their health, and causing students to leave school and even the area. In early fall 2017, the college's leadership decided to explore building its own student housing community on its own donated land. That exploration took on added urgency after 617 SRJC students lost their homes in the 2017 Sonoma Complex wildfires.

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### Staff spotlight: Jesús Guzmán | Policy & Advocacy Director

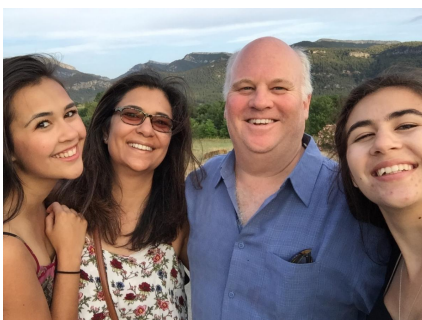


Jesús grew up in the Sonoma Valley, graduating from Sonoma Valley School, after which he earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies at Sonoma State University, and a master's in public policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley....

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### Board member spotlight: Dev Goetschius



Dev is the Executive Director of the Housing Land Trust of Sonoma County and has served in that role since 2003. As someone who brings deep expertise as a housing developer and nonprofit sector leader, her work centers on creating affordable homeownership opportunities for local low- and moderate-income families....

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# Affordable Housing Month

May 2020

*Our communities are strongest when we all have a safe, stable, affordable place to call home*



## Thank you for making Affordable Housing Month 2020 a huge success!

Gen H hosted the following webinars during Affordable Housing Month in May 2020. If you missed any of our webinars you can view them on our YouTube channel [here](#).

- COVID-19: Housing Response and Relief
- We Are Gen H! Learn more about Generation Housing
- Preserving Opportunity: Lessons from Local Efforts to Preserve Affordable Housing
- Accessorize Your Home: Resources and Opportunities for Adding an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) to Your Home
- In Conversation with Conor Dougherty, Author of Golden Gates: Fighting for Housing in America

## #WeAreGenH



Heather

I am studying to be a Veterinary assistant at the Santa Rosa Junior College. My mom and I left a rundown Lake County rental when the Landlord refused to repair things that were broken or unsafe. I spent about a year in shelters and on the streets unable to save enough money for first and last month's rent. I finally found a room to rent in Cotati last September. School is hard, but easier now that I have a stable place to live..

We want to hear your housing story! Whether a challenge or a victory, send your story and your picture to [wearegenh@generationhousing.org](mailto:wearegenh@generationhousing.org).

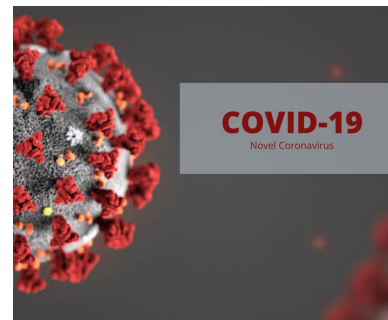
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## Local Response to COVID-19

Generation Housing has created a page to provide information on all that is happening in Sonoma County in response to the housing impacts of COVID-19.

Information on the page includes tenant protections, homeowner relief, affordable housing, and homelessness response, industry impacts, among other items. Please check out the website, and sign up to receive updates [here](#).

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