

# Forging Resilient Community Through Disaster

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## James Gore

Sonoma County District 4 Supervisor

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Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore's home district was devastated by the October 2017 Tubbs Fire, when 22 people were killed and more than 5,700 homes were destroyed in what was then California's most destructive wildfire in state history. Before this disaster, Gore was widely considered a

leader on Climate Change Adaptation via Sustainability initiatives related to land and water conservation and renewable energy development. The world's largest and most productive geothermal energy-producing site resides in his District, along with the Russian River, Lake Sonoma, and the premium wine growing regions of Alexander Valley, Knights Valley, Russian River Valley and Dry Creek Valley. Since the 2017 disaster, Gore has emerged as a statewide and national champion on Resiliency in the face of extreme weather and natural disasters with a focus on fast-paced adaptation, mitigation and preparedness.

Gore is on the executive committee of the California State Association of Counties and serves as the Chair for the Resilient Advisory Board as well as the Chair for the National Association of Counties Resilient Counties Initiative.