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Dear Heidi Duron:

RE: County of San Bernardino's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of San Bernardino's (County) housing element adopted on September 27, 2022 that was received for review on September 29, 2022 along with technical modifications authorized by Resolution 2022-185. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c), HCD considered comments from Inland Counties Legal Services and Morongo Basin Conservation Association.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code) The adopted element, along with technical modifications, addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's August 19, 2022 review.

Additionally, the County must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs included but not limited to the following:

- *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*: To address disparities in access to opportunities, promote a variety of housing choices and mobility, remove constraint for persons with disabilities, and address displacement risks, the County will implement Programs 2, 4, 7, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27.
- *Variety of Housing Types*: To diversify the housing stock and provide a variety of housing types and choices, the County will implement zoning and policies to encourage manufactured housing, accessory dwelling units, and multifamily housing through Programs 3, 11 and 12.

- *Constraints for Multifamily Housing:* Through Program 12, the County has committed to removing constraints for multifamily housing including reviewing projects with objective standards, revising parking standards and utilizing a ministerial or nondiscretionary review process.

The County must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Government Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the County now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the County to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at:

<https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the hard work, diligence, and commitment that you, your staff, and the County's consultant, Colin Drukker, provided in the preparation of the County's housing element. HCD wishes the County success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Sohab Mehmood, of our staff, at sohab.mehmood@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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