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Kevin L. Faulconer, Mayor
City of San Diego
202 C Street
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Dear Honorable Mayor Faulconer:

RE: City of San Diego 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of San Diego's (City) housing element adopted June 16, 2020 and received for review on July 6, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

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 was found to be substantially the same as the draft element that HCD's June 16, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements. This finding is conditioned on implementing programs to amend the element and address requirements related to affirmatively furthering fair housing and making findings to demonstrate the likelihood of redevelopment on non-vacant sites pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2, subdivision (g), as part of that housing element amendment process. These findings must be addressed by April 15, 2021 or the element will no longer comply with housing element law. The adopted element addresses the prior condition related to the approved regional housing need allocation described in the Department's June 16, 2020 review.

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 ongoing SB 2 funding (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 City now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the entire housing element team, including Brian Schoenfisch, Program Manager, Vickie White, Senior Planner, Leslie Keaveney, Senior Planner, and Elizabeth Dickson, Associate Planner provided. Their commitment and cooperation were essential throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes San Diego success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannan West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Unit Chief