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Mr. Michael Johnson
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County of Placer
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

RE: Review of the County of Placer's Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Placer County's revised draft housing element received for review on February 19, 2009 along with revisions on March 4, 2009. The Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b).

The revised draft element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's February 19, 2009 review. For example, the element now includes programs to assist in the development of housing affordable to extremely low-income households (ELI) and encourage development within mixed-use and commercial zones. These programs promote the availability of high density sites within commercial corridors, facilitate the development of single-room occupancy units, and provide funding resources and fee deferrals to encourage developments that include units affordable to ELI households. As a result, the revised draft element will comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

The Department appreciates the County's efforts to address its housing and community development needs and looks forward to receiving Placer County's adopted housing element. If you have any additional questions, please contact Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 445-5307.

Sincerely,

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