

December 22, 2020

Megan Kirkeby, Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Kirkeby,

Enclosed is the 2021–2029 Placer County Housing Element update for review. You may also view this document at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/6624/2021-Housing-Element-Update>. This Housing Element describes the County's plan for addressing the housing needs of its residents through 2029.

The County is committed to working with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to ensure that this Housing Element obtains certification to maintain eligibility for grant funding programs, ensure the legal adequacy of the General Plan, and to preserve local control of land use decisions.

Public outreach and engagement methods utilized for the Housing Element Update have included public workshops, stakeholder meetings, and surveys. Initially planned in-person public workshops were changed to virtual online workshops due to the Governor's stay-at-home directives because of the coronavirus pandemic. A widespread effort was implemented for distributing announcements for the virtual workshops, meetings and surveys, including notices to the over 6,000 people who have signed up to receive the County's Housing Newsletter, press releases, and multiple notices to all 13 Municipal Advisory Committees (MAC) throughout the unincorporated area of the County. A detailed discussion of the outreach efforts for the Housing Element Update is described in the Staff Report for the December 15th Board of Supervisors workshop at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/49017/11A>. Through this outreach effort, the County has seen substantial participation in the workshops to date and received several public comments and input on the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update.

The County's dedicated webpage for the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update project includes the public review draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element, and from the community meetings - recordings of the meetings, copies of presentations, and questions and answers from each of the meetings. The site also provides related documents and resources and the opportunity to sign up to receive future notifications for this project.

The County released the initial Public Review Draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element on October 30, 2020 and recently updated the draft to address comments received through the County Board of Supervisors workshop on December 15, 2020. The County will continue to accept public comment and will make edits as appropriate.

We look forward to hearing from your office. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at spurvines@placer.ca.gov or call me at (530) 745-3031.

Sincerely,



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