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Shawna Purvines, Deputy Director
Community Development Regional Agency
County of Placer
3091 County Center Drive
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Dear Shawna Purvines:

RE: Review of Placer County's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Placer County's (County) draft housing element received for review on December 22, 2020, along with revisions on February 5, 17 and 18, 2021. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by various communication with you and your consultant Cynthia Walsh. In addition, HCD considered comments from Sacramento Housing Alliance and constituents representing the Alliance for Environmental Leadership pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

The draft element, incorporating the revisions submitted, meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of Gov. Code). The housing element will comply with State Housing Element Law when the element is adopted, submitted to, and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the County must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

To remain on an eight-year planning cycle, the County must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of May 15, 2021 for Sacramento Area Council of Governments localities. If adopted after this date, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit our website at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375_final100413.pdf

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 will meet housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates your hard work and dedication provided in preparation of the County's housing element and looks forward to receiving the County's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at Irvin.Saldana@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