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June 13, 2013

Mr. Michael Johnson, Agency Director
Community Development/Resource Agency
County of Placer
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

RE: County of Placer's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Draft Housing Element Update

Thank you for submitting the County of Placer's revised draft housing element update received for review on April 22, 2013, along with additional revisions received on June 4 and June 12, 2013. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The draft element will comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when the element is adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

The Department conducted a streamlined review of the draft housing element based on the County meeting all eligibility criteria detailed in the Department's Housing Element Update Guidance. The County also utilized SACOG's pre-approved housing element data. A telephone conversation on May 22 and subsequent communications with Christopher Schmidt, Senior Planner, Loren Clark, Assistant Planning Director and Chelsey Norton, the City's consultant, facilitated the streamlined review.

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the County must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of October 31 for SACOG localities. If adopted after this date, County will be required to revise the housing element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline (Government Code Section 65588(e)(4)). For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit our website at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf.

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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 should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication of Ms. Norton in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Placer County's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 445-5307 or mcoy@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen A. Campora".

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director