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Jeffrey Van Wagenen, Executive Officer
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Dear Jeffrey Van Wagenen:

RE: Riverside County's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Riverside's (County) housing element, which was adopted June 25, 2024 and received for review on July 5, 2024. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, 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 substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's June 3, 2024 review determined met statutory requirements.

Additionally, the County must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs including but not limited to the following:

- Action H-1 (Accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA))
- Action H-2 (Infrastructure Availability and Coordination)
- Action H-3 (Large Lot Development)
- Action H-5 (Support Affordable Housing Development)
- Action H-7 (Land Use (zoning) Ordinance Amendments)
- Action H-9 (Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program)
- Action H-10 (Innovative Housing Options)
- Action H-12 (Inclusionary Housing Requirements)
- Action H-13 (Code Enforcement)
- Action H-17 (Mobile Homes)
- Action H-18 (Farmworker Assistance)
- Action H-19 (Polanco Parks Program)
- Action H-26 (Fair Housing)
- Action H-27 (Improve Low Resource Areas Access to Opportunities)

- Action H-28 (Homeless Collaboration)
- Action H-29 (Surplus Property Program)
- Action H-32 (Replacement of Affordable Housing)
- Action H-34 (Housing Element Advisory Committees)

The County must monitor and report on the results of these and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Government Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the County to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

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 program, 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 now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the County's housing element team provided throughout the update and review. HCD applauds the team's collaboration throughout the process. HCD wishes the County 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 Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at Jamillah.Williams@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul McDougall
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