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March 31, 2009

Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director  
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Division of Housing Policy Development  
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RE: CITY OF SANTA ANA ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT  
PROGRESS REPORT (2008)

Dear Ms. Creswell:

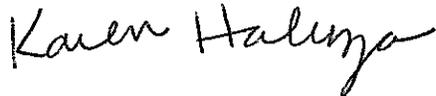
In compliance with Government Code 65400, the City of Santa Ana has prepared the enclosed report detailing our community's progress in implementing the goals and policies of our General Plan Housing Element. During the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2008, a total of 1,650 new homes were constructed in Santa Ana. In addition, the City facilitated the substantial rehabilitation of 369 multiple family residences with long-term affordability covenants.

The preservation of existing affordable housing stock has been an ongoing priority for the City of Santa Ana. The City's investment in housing rehabilitation efforts has resulted in improved living environments for its residents, as well as an opportunity to preserve long-term housing affordability through deed restrictions. Under present housing law, not all of the City's rehabilitation projects meet the criteria to be credited toward our Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation. For reference only, we have included a summary of substantial rehabilitation and new construction projects for the reporting period (Table B-2). We believe that incorporating these rehabilitation projects in the report more truly reflects Santa Ana's efforts and progress to addressing long term housing needs in our community.

Cathy Creswell  
Annual General Plan Housing Element Progress Report (2008)  
March 30, 2009  
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Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed report, please do not hesitate to contact me or Associate Planner Melanie McCann at (714) 667-2746.

Sincerely,



Karen Haluza, AICP  
Planning Manager

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Enclosure

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**Planning and Building Agency**

**March 31, 2008**

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#### CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

The undersigned in the capacity of **Planning Manager** on behalf of the **City of Santa Ana** has reviewed the information provided in the forms and report contained herein, and certifies, to the best of her knowledge, that the information that has been provided herein is true and correct.

*Karen Haluza*

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