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Eli Naffah, City Manager
City of Trinidad
P.O. Box 390
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Dear Eli Naffah:

RE: Trinidad 6th Cycle (2019-2027) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Trinidad's (City) housing element adopted April 14, 2020 and received for review on April 22, 2020. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) also received documentation of completing zoning amendments to permit emergency shelters without discretionary action on April 29 and May 5, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), HCD is reporting the results of its review. The review was expedited to enable the jurisdiction to meet funding criteria for the SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

The adopted element meets statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's April 2, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements. This finding is based on successful completion of tribal consultation, California Coastal Commission approval if necessary, and final action by the Trinidad City Council without any negative impacts on housing element compliance.

Please note the due date for the City of Trinidad to revise its next housing element is August 31, 2023. Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires a jurisdiction that failed to adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date, August 31, 2019 for Humboldt County localities, to revise its element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the applicable due dates. 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.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City 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: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf and http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; the SB 2 Planning Grants as well as ongoing SB 2 funding (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With housing element compliance, the City meets the housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work Trever Parker, Senior Planner and Cynthia Walsh, consultant, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the City of Trinidad 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 Divya Ram, of our staff, at (916) 263-7442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Kirkeby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Megan Kirkeby
Acting Deputy Director