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Eli Naffah, City Manager  
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**RE: City of Trinidad's Failure to Submit a Timely 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update**

Dear Eli Naffah:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) would like to remind the City of Trinidad that it is subject to revise its Housing Element for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle planning period (6<sup>th</sup> cycle) pursuant to Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e).

The 6<sup>th</sup> cycle update was due August 31, 2019. However, that date has passed, and the City of Trinidad has failed to submit and adopt an updated Housing Element. As a result, the City of Trinidad's Housing Element does not comply with Housing Element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) and has never complied with Housing Element law.

The Permanent Local Housing Allocation program (PLHA) is a formula grant available to both entitlement and non-entitlement jurisdictions. The Notice of Funding Availability will be released in February 2020 with applications accepted over-the-counter beginning April 2020 through July 2020. Funding to eligible jurisdictions is available on a non-competitive basis, provided jurisdictions meet basic threshold requirements. Housing element compliance is one of threshold requirements. Without housing element compliance, the City of Trinidad is ineligible to apply for and access these funds. In addition, other funding sources such as SB 2 Planning Grants, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants, and the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400.

As a reminder, to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle update requirements, the City of Trinidad must submit a draft Housing Element to HCD for review, consider HCD's written findings, adopt the Housing Element, and submit it to HCD for review and certification. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/6th-web-he-duedate.pdf> or contact Robin Huntley at (916) 263-7422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "Z" and a long, sweeping underline.

Zachary Olmstead  
Deputy Director