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Lee Butler, Planning Director
Planning and Community Development
City of Santa Cruz
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Dear Lee Butler:

RE: Review of the City of Santa Cruz's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance

Thank you for submitting the City of Santa Cruz's (City) accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance (Ordinance No. 2019-28) adopted January 14, 2020 and received with revisions by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on March 9, 2020. HCD is submitting these written findings pursuant to Government Code section 65852.2, subdivision (h).

The City's housing element commits the City to enhance the existing viable housing stock. Following consultation with HCD, the adopted ADU ordinance now contains necessary revisions. The City's adopted ADU ordinance with revisions will comply with State ADU law under California Government Code sections 65852.2 and 65852.22.

HCD appreciates the City's efforts, in particular those of Senior Planner Sarah Neuse, provided in the preparation of the ADU ordinance. Please feel free to contact Reid Miller, of our staff, at (916) 263-2707 or Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov for any additional information.

Sincerely,

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Unit Chief