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Dear Marianna Marysheva:

RE: City of Livermore's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Livermore's (City) housing element adopted March 14, 2023, and received for review on March 14, 2023. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), 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 full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's February 23, 2023, review determined met statutory requirements.

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

- Program 1.2.1 (General Plan and Specific Plans)
- Program 1.3.1 (Development Code Amendments)
- Program 1.4.1 (Reduce Governmental Constraints)
- Program 1.5.2 (Licensed Community Residential Care Facilities)
- Program 2.1.2 (Support Equitable Development)
- Program 3.1.1 (Inclusionary Housing Ordinance)
- Program 3.2.2 (Support Acquisition of New Sites for Affordable Housing)
- Program 3.4.2 (Rental Assistance and Tenant Support Services)
- Program 5.2.1 (Fair Housing Policies and Programs)

Engaging the public, evaluating the effectiveness of programs, and making appropriate adjustments is essential to compliance. The City's monitoring should give special attention to programs to affirmatively furthering fair housing with the upmost importance for place-based strategies for community revitalization and displacement risk.

The City 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.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB1) Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; 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 City now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work, cooperation, and responsiveness that the City's housing element team provided throughout the housing element review. The team's commitment to housing and community development is commendable. HCD wishes the City 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 Shawn Danino, of our staff, at shawn.danino@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Melinda Coy
Proactive Housing Accountability Chief