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Eric Scherer, Director
Community Development Department,
City of La Verne
3360 D Street,
La Verne, CA 91750

Dear Eric Scherer:

RE: City of La Verne's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of La Verne's (City) housing element that was adopted November 21, 2022 and received for review on December 7, 2022. 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 review determined met statutory requirements on September 30, 2022.

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

- Program 1. (Housing Rehabilitation)
- Program 6. (Section 8. Certificate/Voucher Rental Assistance)
- Program 11. (Housing for Extremely Low-Income Households)
- Program 14. (Remove Governmental Constraints)
- Program 16. (Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 18. (Lot Consolidation)
- Program 26. (Fair Housing)
- Program 29. (General Plan Update and Consistency)

The City of La Verne 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 (SB) 1 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 of La Verne now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City of La Verne 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: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the cooperation and effort the housing element update team including Amanda Tropiano, City Consultant provided throughout the housing element review. HCD wishes the City of La Verne 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 me at lrvin.saldana@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul McDougall
Senior Program Manager