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Jose Reynoso, City Manager
City of Sierra Madre
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd
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Dear Jose Reynoso:

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

Thank you for submitting the City of Sierra Madre's (City) housing element adopted on June 6, 2022 and received for review on July 26, 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, including changes, addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's May 27, 2022 review.

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

- Program 5 (Promote Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 6a (Lot Consolidation Program)
- Program 7 (Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites)
- Program 15 (Fair Housing/Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing)

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.

HCD commends the City on its commitment to address its housing needs, including the successful completion of Program 6 (Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program) through the recent adoption of the Religious Housing Overlay Zone and the new multifamily land use designation. These actions will allow for a variety of housing types and result in significant beneficial outcomes for the community.

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 meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication Karen Warner, the City's consultant, Vincent Gonzalez, Planning and Community Development Director and Clare Lin, Associate Planner, provided in preparation of the City's housing element and looks forward to following the City's progress through the annual progress report pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact me at Melinda.Coy@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Coy', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Melinda Coy
Proactive Housing Accountability Chief
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