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Michael D. Moore, City Manager  
City of Riverside  
3900 Main Street  
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Dear Michael D. Moore:

**RE: City of Riverside's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Riverside's (City) housing element adopted on October 5, 2021 and received for review on August 22, 2022, along with technical modifications authorized by City Council. 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 modifications, addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's September 30, 2021 review.

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

- HE-2.3 (Zoning Updates)
- HE-4.1 (Healthy and Complete Neighborhoods)
- HE-5.1 (Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program)
- HE-5.2 (Streamlined Approvals)
- HE-5.3 (Adaptive Reuse)
- HE-5.7 (Zoning Amendments to Eliminate Discrimination)
- HE-6.4 (Prioritizing Capital Improvements in Lower Opportunity Areas)
- HE-EJ 7.5 (Infill Small Lot Development)

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 (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 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. HCD particularly applauds the efforts of Mary Kopaskie and Matthew Taylor. Their public service is truly commendable. HCD wishes the City success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following the City's progress through the annual progress report pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Anthony Errichetto of our staff, at [Anthony.Errichetto@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Anthony.Errichetto@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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