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Ron Santos, Senior Planner  
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Dear Ron Santos:

RE: City of Lake Forest – Follow-Up to ADU Ordinance Review

On April 13, 2022, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) sent the City of Lake Forest (City) a review of the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance No. 336, adopted July 21, 2020. On August 16, 2022, the City adopted Ordinance No. 355, which updated the City's municipal code in response to the findings in HCD's April 13, 2022, review letter.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the City that upon review, Ordinance No. 355 satisfactorily addresses HCD's concerns. HCD thanks the City for its efforts in expeditiously resolving violations of state statute. As of this writing, HCD considers the matter of compliance with Government Code section 65852.2 closed, though we advise the City that the chaptering of bills passed this year, including SB 897, will introduce changes to ADU Law that take effect on January 1, 2023.

Be advised that this letter does not address any other outstanding matters, including the City's 6<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element. Please refer to HCD's separate correspondence on this matter.

As always, HCD reminds the City that the State of California is in a housing crisis and the provision of housing for all Californians is a priority of the highest order. HCD stands ready to provide technical assistance and invites you to contact Mike Van Gorder, of our staff, at [mike.vangorder@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:mike.vangorder@hcd.ca.gov) should the City have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Zisser  
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