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Denice Thomas, Community Development Director
Community Development
City of Agoura Hills
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Dear Denice Thomas:

**RE: City of Agoura Hills - Letter of Technical Assistance Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
Ordinance Repeal Request (Government Code section 66310 – 66342)**

HCD recently contacted the City of Agoura Hills regarding the City's ADU Governance. The City provided a timeline for the adoption of a new ordinance, stating that such an ordinance would be adopted in December 2025. The response did not indicate how the City intends to process ADU applications in the meantime.

Given the original findings letter and the follow up letter of technical assistance, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) remains concerned that the City may process ADU applications inconsistently with State ADU Law. As such, the City should repeal the outdated, noncompliant Ordinance to meet the standards of State ADU Law. Repealing the Ordinance would have the additional benefit of clarity for ADU applicants who may otherwise rely on an ordinance that is still included in the City's Code of Ordinances but is not compliant with State ADU Law. Public-Facing materials such as fact sheets and webpages should match State ADU Law or must be removed.

HCD requests a response by November 5, 2025, with either (1) a description of how the ADU ordinance continues to comply with State ADU Law despite the changes to the law, or (2) a plan and timeline to either repeal the current ordinance or adopt an amended, compliant ordinance and submit it to HCD for review.

HCD thanks the City for its efforts in better understanding state law and for the spirit of partnership that has guided its communications with HCD. HCD welcomes any other opportunity to further assist the City in fully complying with State ADU Law. Please feel free to contact Mike Van Gorder, of our staff, at Mike.VanGorder@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jamie Candelaria
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