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September 29, 2025

Juan Galvan, Senior Planner
Development Services Department
City of La Puente
15900 East Main Street
La Puente, CA 91744

Dear Juan Galvan:

**RE: City of La Puente - Letter of Technical Assistance Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
Ordinance Repeal Request**

HCD recently contacted the City of La Puente regarding its ADU Ordinance 18-951 (Ordinance) given the changes to State ADU Law since the adoption of the Ordinance in 2018. HCD has been informed that the City intends to exclusively use State ADU Law to process ADU applications but does not in the meantime have a timeline for the adoption of a new Ordinance.

While HCD commends the City's intention to process ADU applications in accordance with State ADU Law, that on its own does not satisfy the requirements of Government Code section 66326, subdivision (b). Please note that the City has two options in response to a non-compliant ordinance.¹ The City can either amend the Ordinance to comply with State ADU Law² or adopt the Ordinance without changes and include findings in its resolution adopting the Ordinance that explain the reasons the City believes that the Ordinance complies with State ADU Law despite HCD's findings.³

If the City wishes to utilize State ADU Law in lieu of adopting a compliant ordinance, then the City should repeal the outdated, noncompliant Ordinance to meet the standards of State ADU Law.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 also match State ADU Law.

¹ Gov. Code, § 66326, subd. (c)(1).

² Gov. Code, § 66326, subd. (b)(2)(A).

³ Gov. Code, § 66326, subd. (b)(2)(B).

HCD requests a response by October 29, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Candelaria".

Jamie Candelaria
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