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Mr. Richard J. Bruckner, Director
County of Los Angeles
320 West Temple Street
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Dear Mr. Bruckner:

RE: Los Angeles County's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Los Angeles's housing element which was adopted February 4, 2014 and received for review on February 5, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted housing element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's August 9, 2013 review. The Department's finding was based on, among other reasons, the addition of Program 27 to ensure Los Angeles County's reasonable accommodation procedure is accessible to all applicants, and the provision of definitive timeframes to ensure a beneficial impact of programs within the planning period.

The Department commends Los Angeles County's efforts to facilitate the development of a variety of housing types including small lot infill (Program 8), Transit Oriented Districts (Program 6), and improve health throughout the housing supply (Programs 9, 21, and 23). Additionally, goals and programs to encourage and facilitate housing for special needs populations such as updating the zoning code and procedures to support housing opportunities (Programs 2 and 27), providing supportive housing for homeless families (Program 10), and identifying best practices for accessible housing (Program 25), are particularly notable. Successful implementation of these and other programs will increase housing opportunities for families and the City's workforce while maximizing the effective use of land, create healthy neighborhoods and promote economic vitality.

Please note, Los Angeles County now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks and Local Housing Trust Fund Programs both include housing element compliance either as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. Please see the Department's website for specific information about these and other State funding programs at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf.

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication that Ms. Connie Chung, Section Head, General Planning Development and Housing Section, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes Los Angeles County success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 263-7425.

Sincerely,



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