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March 18, 2020

Scott Friend, Community Development Director
Community Development Department
City of Red Bluff
555 Washington Street
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Dear Scott Friend:

RE: Review of the City of Red Bluff 6th Cycle (2019-2024) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Red Bluff's (City) draft housing element received for review on February 21, 2020, along with revisions received on March 18, 2020.

Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. In addition, HCD has expedited this review to facilitate meeting funding requirements.

The draft element, incorporating the revisions submitted, meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of Gov. Code). The housing element will comply with housing element law when the element is adopted, submitted to, and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585, subdivision (g).

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special-needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf and http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

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 the ongoing SB 2 funding consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the City will meet housing element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication provided in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving the City of Red Bluff's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at Irvin.Saldana@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannan West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shannan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "West".

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Manager