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September 21, 2020

Phil Dunsmore, Director  
Community Development Department  
City of Atascadero  
6500 Palm Avenue  
Atascadero, CA 93422

Dear Phil Dunsmore:

**RE: Review of the City of Atascadero's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2020-2028) Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Atascadero's (City) draft housing element received for review on July 23, 2020 along with revisions received on September 14 and 21, 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.

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

To remain on an eight-year planning cycle, the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of December 31, 2020 for San Luis Obispo Council of Governments localities. If adopted after this date, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit our website at: [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375\\_final100413.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375_final100413.pdf).

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.

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 HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation 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 and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the City's housing element team and looks forward to receiving the adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact DC Navarrette, of our staff, at [David.Navarrette@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:David.Navarrette@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" and the last name "West" clearly distinguishable.

Shannan West  
Land Use & Planning Unit Chief