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Dear Kerry Kallman:

RE: City of Hidden Hills' 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element Update

Thank you for submitting the City of Hidden Hills' draft housing element received for review on November 23, 2021. 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 addresses many statutory requirements; however, revisions will be necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The enclosed Appendix describes the revisions needed to comply with State Housing Element Law.

As a reminder, the City's 6th cycle housing element was due October 15, 2021. As of today, the City has not completed the housing element process for the 6th cycle. The City's 5th cycle housing element no longer satisfies statutory requirements. HCD encourages the City to revise the element as described above, adopt, and submit to HCD to regain housing element compliance.

For your information, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1398 (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021), if a local government fails to adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (October 15, 2021), then any rezoning to accommodate the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA), including for lower-income households, shall be completed no later than one year from the statutory deadline. Otherwise, the local government's housing element will no longer comply with State Housing Element Law, and HCD may revoke its finding of substantial compliance pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i).

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 should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-

income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and 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 meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

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.

We are committed to assisting the City in addressing all statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Gianna Marasovich, of our staff, at Gianna.Marasovich@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

APPENDIX CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS

The following changes are necessary to bring the City's housing element into compliance with Article 10.6 of the Government Code. Accompanying each recommended change, we cite the supporting section of the Government Code.

Housing element technical assistance information is available on HCD's website at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml. Among other resources, the housing element section contains HCD's latest technical assistance tool, *Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements (Building Blocks)*, available at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml and includes the Government Code addressing State Housing Element Law and other resources.

A. Review and Revision

Review the previous element to evaluate the appropriateness, effectiveness, and progress in implementation, and reflect the results of this review in the revised element. (Gov. Code, § 65588 (a) and (b).)

While the element includes some information on the progress in implementation from the previous element, it must evaluate the effectiveness of programs and reflect the results in the current element. This is especially important given that the City has recycled all programs with from the last cycle with no changes and modified two programs to comply with new state law. Based on the outcomes of this evaluation, programs should be revised as appropriate.

In addition, the element must provide a cumulative evaluation of the effectiveness of past goals, policies, and related actions in meeting the housing needs of special needs populations (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities, large households, female headed households, farmworkers, and persons experiencing homelessness).

B. Housing Needs, Resources, and Constraints

1. Affirmatively further[ing] fair housing in accordance with Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2...shall include an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(10)(A).)

Assessment of Fair Housing: The element provides a general overview of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), general information on outreach, conclusions that the only fair housing issue is high housing cost. However, the element does not address this requirement. The element, among other things, must include an assessment of fair housing, analysis of the sites inventory, identification, and prioritization of contributing factors to fair housing issues and goals and actions sufficient to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity. For further guidance, please visit HCD's AFFH in California webpage at https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml.

Sites Inventory and AFFH: The element does not address this requirement. The analysis must identify whether sites improve or exacerbate conditions and whether sites are isolated by income group. A full analysis should address the income categories of identified sites with respect to location, the number of sites and units by all income groups and how that affects the existing patterns for all components of the assessment of fair housing (e.g., segregation and integration, access to opportunity). The element should also discuss whether the distribution of sites improves or exacerbates conditions. If sites exacerbate conditions, the element should identify further program actions that will be taken to promote equitable quality of life throughout the community (e.g., anti-displacement and place-based community revitalization strategies).

2. Include an analysis and documentation of household characteristics, including level of payment compared to ability to pay, housing characteristics, including overcrowding, and housing stock condition. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(2).)

<u>Overpayment</u>: While the element identifies the total number of households overpaying for housing, it must quantify and analyze the number of lower-income households overpaying for housing by tenure (i.e., renter and owner) and add or modify policies and programs as appropriate.

<u>Housing Stock Conditions</u>: While the element identifies the age of the housing stock, it must estimate the number of units in need of rehabilitation and replacement. For additional information, see the Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/housing-stock-characteristics.shtml.

3. An inventory of land suitable and available for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income level, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to these sites. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(3).)

<u>Shortfall of Sites</u>: The City has a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 40 housing units, of which 9 are for moderate-income households. The element currently shows a shortfall of 8 moderate-income units. The element must identify sites or other strategies (e.g., rezoning) to accommodate the shortfall.

<u>Parcel Listing</u>: The element lists parcels by various factors such as size and zoning. However, the listing must also include sites by general plan designation and assessors parcel numbers (APN).

Realistic Capacity: The element estimates the number of units for each site by multiplying maximum allowable density by size of the parcel. The element must include a methodology for how realistic capacity was determined and provide support for these assumptions. For example, the element should demonstrate what specific trends, factors, and other evidence led to the assumptions. The estimate of the number of units for each site must be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and

site improvements, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities. The element also should analyze the likelihood that the identified units will be developed as noted in the inventory in zones that allow 100 percent nonresidential uses (e.g., affordable housing overlay). This analysis should consider the likelihood of 100 percent nonresidential development, performance standards, and development trends supporting residential development

Suitability of Nonvacant Sites: While the element identifies nonvacant sites to accommodate the regional housing need for lower-income households, it provides no description of how the potential for redevelopment. The element must describe the methodology used to determine the additional development potential within the planning period. The methodology must consider factors including the extent to which existing uses may impede additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (g).) For sites with residential uses, the inventory could also describe structural conditions or other circumstances and trends demonstrating the redevelopment potential to more intense residential uses. For nonresidential sites, the inventory could also describe whether the use is operating, marginal or discontinued, and the condition of the structure or could describe any expressed interest in redevelopment. For additional information and sample analysis, see the Building Blocks at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/site-inventoryanalysis/analysis-of-sites-and-zoning.shtml#analysis.

In addition, if the housing element relies upon nonvacant sites to accommodate more than 50 percent of the RHNA for lower-income households, the housing element must demonstrate that the existing use is not an impediment to additional residential development in the planning period (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (g)(2).). This can be demonstrated by providing substantial evidence that the existing use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (g)(2).).

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): ADUs may be counted toward the RHNA based on past trends and other factors. The City projects 16 ADUs to be constructed over the planning period, averaging 2 units per year. This projection was based on figures provided based on past ADU permits. However, the City's Annual Progress Reports (APR) indicate that the City permitted 0 ADUs in 2018, 3 in 2019, and 0 in 2020, averaging 1 ADU/year. The City's past performance on permitting ADUs do not support a two-fold increase. The element should reconcile these figures and adjust assumptions, if necessary, based on a realistic estimate of the potential for ADUs and include policies and programs that commit to incentivizing ADUs. Depending on the analysis, the element must commit to monitor ADU production and affordability throughout the course of the planning period and implement additional actions if not meeting target numbers anticipated in the housing element. If necessary, additional actions should be taken in a timely manner (e.g., within six months). The degree of additional actions should be in stride with the degree of the gap in production and affordability. For example, if actual production and affordability of ADUs is far from

anticipated trends, then rezoning or something similar would be an appropriate action. If actual production and affordability is near anticipated trends, then measures like outreach and marketing might be more appropriate.

<u>Small Sites</u>: Sites smaller than half an acre in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income housing unless it is demonstrated that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower-income housing units as projected for the site or unless the housing element describes other evidence to HCD that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c)(2)(A).) For example, a site with a proposed and approved housing development that contains units affordable to lower income households would be an appropriate site to accommodate housing for lower-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c)(2)(C).)

<u>Sites Identified in Prior Planning Periods</u>: Sites identified in prior planning periods shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate the housing needs for lower-income households unless a program, meeting statutory requirements, requires rezoning within three years. The element should clarify if sites were identified in prior planning periods and if so, which sites and include a program if utilizing previously identified sites in the current planning period. For more information on program requirements, please see the Department's Housing Element Sites Inventory Guidebook at https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml.

<u>Infrastructure</u>: While the element generally discussed that current infrastructure capacity can meet the needs of the RHNA, the element must specifically discuss whether sites have sufficient existing or planned access to water, sewer, and dry utilities infrastructure.

<u>Electronic Sites Inventory</u>: For your information, pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, the City must submit an electronic sites inventory with its adopted housing element. The City must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD. Please see HCD's housing element webpage at https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml#element for a copy of the form and instructions. The City can reach out to HCD at sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov for technical assistance.

Zoning for a Variety of Housing Types:

Multifamily Housing: The element must identify zoning, development standards to
encourage and facilitate realistic opportunities for multifamily development. For
example, while the City has established an affordable housing overlay (AHO) zone,
the element also stated that "development other than a qualifying affordable
housing project within the AHO shall require a conditional use permit" (p. V-4). The
element must specifically identify zones that allow for multifamily, discuss all
standards, processes to facilitate this type of housing, and add or modify programs
as appropriate.

• Emergency Shelters: While the element states that emergency shelters are allowed by-right in the C-R zone, it must include an analysis of the suitability and capacity of the identified zone to meet the need for emergency shelters. For example, the element should identify the number of parcels, typical parcel sizes, available acreage, whether sites are underutilized, existing uses, and any potential for reusing existing buildings to emergency. The element should also discuss any known hazardous conditions unfit for human habitation.

Additionally, the element states emergency shelters are not allowed to be within 300 ft from each other; however, state law only allows a maximum of 300 ft separation requirement. The element should describe compliance with this requirements or include programs as appropriate. Lastly, while housing element law does allow a jurisdiction to limit the number of beds or persons permitted to be served nightly by a facility, standards must be designed to encourage and facilitate the development of, or conversion to, an emergency shelter. The element must analyze the 6-bed limit as a potential constraint for the development of emergency shelters. For additional information and a sample analysis, see the Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element/housing-element/housing-element/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb2_memo050708.pdf.

4. An analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including the types of housing identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), and for persons with disabilities as identified in the analysis pursuant to paragraph (7), including land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures... (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(5).)

<u>Processing and Permit Procedures</u>: The element must describe the procedures for a typical single family and multifamily development. The analysis should address the approval body, the number of public hearing if any, approval findings and any other relevant information. The analysis should address impacts on housing cost, supply, timing and approval certainty. For example, the element should identify and analyze approval findings for impacts on approval certainty, the presence of processes or guidelines to promote certainty and add or modify programs as appropriate.

Affordable Housing Overlay Zone: The element described land use controls and development standards for zones that allow single family homes. However, the element must specifically identify and analyze all relevant development standards and processes for developments proposed in the affordable housing overlay zone and evaluate it for impact on housing supply and affordability.

On/Off-Site Improvements: While the element generally described improvement required for a new project, it should identify and analyze typical off-site improvements required.

<u>Fees and Exaction</u>: The element must describe all required fees for single family and multifamily housing development, including impact fees, and analyze their impact as potential constraints on housing supply and affordability. While the element listed and analyzed fees related to single family housing, it must identify fees for multifamily developments. For example, the analysis could identify the total amount of fees and their proportion to the development costs for both single family and multifamily housing. For additional information and a sample analysis and tables, see the Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/fees-and-exactions.shtml.

<u>Building Codes</u>: The element must describe the City building and zoning code enforcement processes and procedures, such as whether the process is proactive or complaint based. For additional information and a sample analysis, see the *Building Blocks* at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/codes-and-enforcement-on-offsite-improvement-standards.shtml.

Constraints on Persons with Disabilities:

- Residential Care Facilities for Seven or More Persons: The element states the
 state law does not require the City to allow group homes of seven or more.
 Excluding group homes from the City is considered a constraint to housing for
 persons with disabilities. The element must include or modify programs to allow
 group homes of seven or more persons. For your information, excluding these
 uses from residential zones or subjecting the uses to conditional use permits
 (CUP) is generally considered a constraint and programs should be modified as
 appropriate with specific commitment to allow the use in residential zones with
 objectivity and certainty.
- Residential Care Facilities for Six or Fewer Persons: The element states that group homes for six or fewer are only conditionally allowed in residential zones. For your information, Health and safety code sections 1267.8, 1566.3, 1568.08 require local governments to treat licensed group homes and residential care facilities with six or fewer residents no differently than other by-right single-family housing uses. "Six or fewer persons" does not include the operator, the operator's family, or persons employed as staff. Local agencies must allow these licensed, residential-care facilities in any area zoned for residential use, and may not require licensed, residential-care facilities for six residents or less to obtain CUPs or variances that are not required of other family dwellings. The element must include or modify programs to comply with this requirement.
- Reasonable Accommodation and Definition of Family: While the element briefly
 describes its reasonable accommodation procedures, it should also describe the
 process and decision-making criteria such as approval findings and analyze any
 potential constraints on housing for persons with disabilities. Additionally, the
 element should clarify if the City has any zoning code definition of "family" and
 evaluate any impacts on housing for persons with disabilities.

Zoning, Development Standards and Fees: The element must clarify compliance with new transparency requirements for posting all zoning, development standards and fees on the City's website and add a program to address these requirements, if necessary.

<u>SB 35 Streamlined Ministerial Approval Process</u>: The element must clarify whether there are written procedures for the SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) Streamlined Ministerial Approval Process and add a program to address these requirements as appropriate.

5. An analysis of potential and actual nongovernmental constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including the availability of financing, the price of land, the cost of construction, the requests to develop housing at densities below those anticipated in the analysis required by subdivision (c) of Government Code section 65583.2, and the length of time between receiving approval for a housing development and submittal of an application for building permits for that housing development that hinder the construction of a locality's share of the regional housing need in accordance with Government Code section 65584... (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(6).)

Requests for Lower Density, Permit Times, and Efforts to Address Nongovernmental Constraints: The element must analyze (1) requests to develop housing at densities below those identified in the inventory, (2) the length of time between receiving approval for a housing development and submittal of an application for building permits, and (3) any local efforts to address or mitigate nongovernmental constraints such as reduced fees, financing for affordable housing or expedited processes. The analysis should address any hinderances on the construction of a locality's share of the regional housing need and programs should be added or modified as appropriate.

6. Analyze any special housing needs such as elderly; persons with disabilities, including a developmental disability; large families; farmworkers; families with female heads of households; and families and persons in need of emergency shelter. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(7).)

<u>Special Needs Households</u>: While the element includes data and a general discussion of housing challenges faced by special needs households, it still must provide an analysis of the existing needs and resources for each special needs group including seniors, extremely low-income households (ELI), and female headed households. For example, the element should discuss the existing resources to meet housing needs (availability of shelter beds, number of large units, number of deed restricted units, etc.), an assessment of any gaps in resources, and proposed policies, programs, and funding to help address those gaps.

<u>Persons with Development Disabilities</u>: The element must quantify the number of persons with development disabilities.

C. Housing Programs

1. Include a program which sets forth a schedule of actions during the planning period, each with a timeline for implementation, which may recognize that certain programs are ongoing, such that there will be beneficial impacts of the programs within the planning period, that the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives of the Housing Element through the administration of land use and development controls, the provision of regulatory concessions and incentives, and the utilization of appropriate federal and state financing and subsidy programs when available. The program shall include an identification of the agencies and officials responsible for the implementation of the various actions. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c).)

To address the program requirements of Government Code section 65583, subdivision (c)(1-6), and to facilitate implementation, programs should include: (1) a description of the City's specific role in implementation; (2) definitive implementation timelines; (3) objectives, quantified where appropriate; and (4) identification of responsible agencies and officials. Programs to be revised include the following:

Actions and Implementation Timelines: Several programs either do not include specific actions or do not provide an implementation timeline including Program 3, 4a, 4b, 4d, 5a, 5b, and 5d. For example, Program 5a states that the City will improve plan check efficiencies using a tracking system. The element should specifically state when the City will implement the tracking system.

<u>Financial and Administrative Resources</u>: While the element stated that the City does not participate in federal and state funding nor does it have any local resources for housing, the element must identify financial and administrative resources that could be utilized to facilitate housing production and implement housing element programs. For a sample list of resources, please see the <u>Housing Element Technical Assistance | Housing Planning Hub Site (arcgis.com)</u>.

2. Identify actions that will be taken to make sites available during the planning period with appropriate zoning and development standards and with services and facilities to accommodate that portion of the city's or county's share of the regional housing need for each income level that could not be accommodated on sites identified in the inventory completed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) without rezoning, and to comply with the requirements of Government Code section 65584.09. Sites shall be identified as needed to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of types of housing for all income levels, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(1).)

As noted in Finding B3, the element does not include a complete site analysis; therefore, the adequacy of sites and zoning were not established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, the City may need to add or revise

programs to address a shortfall of sites or zoning available to encourage a variety of housing types. In addition, the element should be revised as follows:

<u>Previously Identified Nonvacant and Vacant Sites</u>: If nonvacant sites identified in a prior adopted housing element or vacant sites identified in two or more consecutive planning periods, the sites are inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income households unless:

- The site's current zoning is appropriate for the development of housing affordable to lower-income households by either including analysis or meeting
- The site is subject to a housing element program that requires rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower-income households (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c).).

<u>Program 5b – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)</u>: The element identified ADUs to accommodate a portion of City's RHNA. The element also included the same program and actions from the last planning period with no modifications to incentivize ADU production. The City's annual progress reports indicated that the City permitted three ADUs from 2018-2020. The element should evaluate the effectiveness of this program and identify additional strategies that will encourage the development of ADUs. Lastly, due to the high housing costs in the City, the element should include specific actions that encourage the development of ADUs for lower-income households.

<u>Program 5d – Affordable Housing Overlay</u>: These Programs to accommodate the RHNA should commit to sufficient incentives (beyond State Density Bonus Law) to assure the intended residential uses and affordability.

3. Address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental and nongovernmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, including housing for all income levels and housing for persons with disabilities. The program shall remove constraints to, and provide reasonable accommodations for housing designed for, intended for occupancy by, or with supportive services for, persons with disabilities. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(3).)

As noted in Finding(s) B4 and B5, the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental and nongovernmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the City may need to revise or add programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints.

4. Promote and affirmatively further fair housing opportunities and promote housing throughout the community or communities for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2), Section 65008, and

any other state and federal fair housing and planning law. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(5).)

As noted in Finding B1, the element must include a complete analysis of AFFH. Based on the outcome of that analysis, the element must add or modify programs. Additionally, programs and actions need to be significant, meaningful, and sufficient to overcome identified patterns of segregation and affirmatively further fair housing.

D. Public Participation

Local governments shall make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the Housing Element, and the element shall describe this effort. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd.(c)(9).)

While the element includes a general summary of the public participation process, it should also summarize public comments and describe how they were considered and incorporated into the element. Additionally, the element stated that the City outreach efforts were limited to a website, flyer, and study session where stakeholder organizations were invited. The element should describe additional methods for public outreach efforts in the future, particularly to include lower-income and special needs households. For example, the City could conduct targeted stakeholder interviews or establish a committee representative of lower-income households in future public outreach efforts. For additional information, see the Building Blocks at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/getting-started/public-participation.shtml.

HCD understands the City made the housing element available to the public only two weeks prior to HCD submittal on November 24, 2021. By not providing an opportunity for the public to review and comment on a draft of the element without sufficient time, in advance of submission, the City has not yet complied with statutory mandates to make a diligent effort to encourage the public participation in the development of the element and it reduces HCD's ability to consider public comments in its review. The availability of the document to the public and opportunity for public comment prior to submittal to HCD is essential to the public process and HCD's review. The City must proactively make future revisions available to the public, including any commenters, prior to submitting any revisions to HCD and diligently consider and address comments, including revising the document where appropriate. HCD's future review will consider the extent to which the revised element documents how the City solicited, considered, and addressed public comments in the element. The City's consideration of public comments must not be limited by HCD's findings in this review letter.