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October 15, 2020

Bryan Stice, Director
Planning and Building Department
City of Colusa
425 Webster St.
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Dear Bryan Stice:

RE: Review of the City of Colusa's 6th Cycle (2020-2028) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Colusa's draft housing element received for review on September 2, 2020 along with revisions received on October 12, 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. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on October 7, 2020 with you and Gary Price of Price Consulting Services.

The draft element, incorporating the revisions submitted, meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. The housing element, including revisions, 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.

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 Colusa County 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.

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 meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the City's housing element team provided, in preparation of the City's housing element and looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Colin Cross, of our staff, at (916) 263-2697.

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