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Mike Hearn, Deputy Director
Community Development Department
City of Hesperia
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Dear Mike Hearn:

RE: City of Hesperia's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Hesperia's (City) revised draft housing element received for review on January 25, 2023. 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 considered comments from David Kellogg pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements described in HCD's November 4, 2022, review. 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).

Please note, several of the program actions are critical to compliance and have deadlines of October 15, 2022, as part of an expected zoning code ordinance update. Prior to adoption, the City must indicate whether the action has been completed or establish a new deadline in 2023. These programs include Programs 3 (Affordable Housing Development), 14 (RC and C2 Zone), and 22 (Removal of Constraints for Multifamily Housing in Areas of High Opportunity), among others.

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. Please be aware, any revisions to the element must be posted on the local government's website and to email a link to all individuals and organizations that have previously requested notices relating to the local government's housing element at least seven days before submitting to HCD.

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: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the housing element team provided throughout the housing element review. HCD encourages the City to continue and consider comments toward these goals as part of the adoption process and looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Claire Sullivan-Halpern, of our staff, at Claire.Sullivan-Halpern@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Coy', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Melinda Coy
Proactive Housing Accountability Chief