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Members of the California State Senate and Assembly:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to present information regarding the status of Housing Elements in California for the year 2008. This information is provided in conformance with Health & Safety Code Section 50459(c).

Consistent with requirements pursuant to Section 50459(c) and to provide timely and up-to-date information, the Department compiles and reports information about the housing element compliance status of all local governments on its website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/>. The website describes the compliance status of each local government in meeting the requirements of State housing element law. In addition, the website includes:

- housing element compliance status by region;
- a listing of housing elements currently under review;
- copies of the Department's review findings; and
- a variety of housing element preparation and implementation technical assistance resources, including *Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements*. The *Building Blocks*' webpage provides extensive resources including sample analyses and programs local governments can download and use in their housing element updates.

As you may recall, the Department's 2007 housing element report highlighted the record high compliance rate (80 percent) achieved by California communities at the end of the last statewide cycle of housing element updates. The update cycle began again in 2008. Consistent with previous update cycles, the overall compliance rate drops as local governments in the regions work to update their elements while addressing other important local and State concerns and requirements. The enclosure provides a listing of the housing element compliance status by region.

The timing of the current update cycle sets the stage for local governments to effectively access critical housing and infrastructure funds available from the Strategic Growth Bonds; implement regional goals and objectives; address current market conditions and slow down; and implement new housing and smart growth initiatives. In addition, housing

element updates can create a timely mechanism to adopt strategies to address important climate change and environmental objectives. The Department is committed to working in partnership with local governments and all stakeholders to promote timely adoption of effective housing elements. The Department remains dedicated to continuing to increase the rate of compliance and identifying additional opportunities to improve the administration and implementation of State housing element law.

Addressing the State's housing crisis will not only improve the quality of life for all Californians but strengthen the economy and protect the State's important natural and agricultural resources. Housing element law is an important tool in meeting critical housing and community development needs. The Department hopes you find this status report and the information on the website useful and welcomes your comments and suggestions. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Cathy Creswell, Deputy Director, at (916) 323-3177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn L. Jacobs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lynn L. Jacobs
Director

Enclosure

cc: Michael Pro시오, Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

Planning Period 6/30/2005 - 6/30/2011*



Adopted Housing Element Status:

IN Compliance:	11 (57.9%)
OUT of Compliance:	1 (5.3%)
Under HCD Review	2 (10.5%)
Under Local Process:	5 (26.3%)
Total Jurisdictions	19

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Planning Period 06/30/2008 - 6/30/2014*



Adopted Housing Element Status:

IN Compliance:	10 (5.2%)
OUT of Compliance	6 (3.1%)
DUE	74 (38.3%)
Under HCD Review:	29 (15.1%)
Under Local Process:	74 (38.3%)

Total Jurisdictions 193

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Planning Period 12/31/2001 - 6/30/2009*



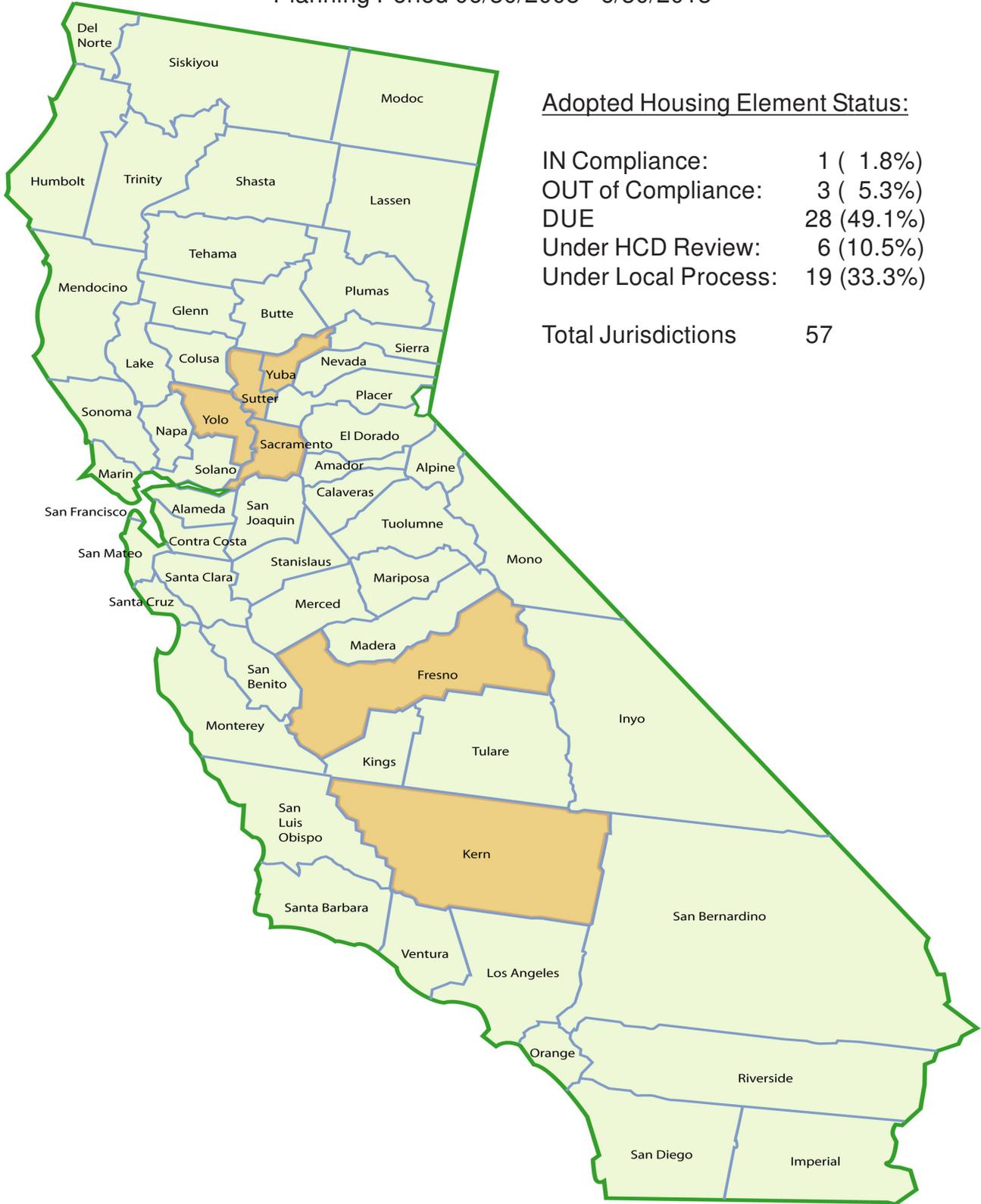
Adopted Housing Element Status:

IN Compliance:	91 (83.5%)
OUT of Compliance:	5 (4.6%)
Under HCD Review:	1 (0.9%)
Under Local Process:	12 (11.0%)

Total Jurisdictions 109

Council of Fresno County Governments, Kern County Council of Governments, and Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG)

Planning Period 06/30/2008 - 6/30/2013



Adopted Housing Element Status:

IN Compliance:	1 (1.8%)
OUT of Compliance:	3 (5.3%)
DUE	28 (49.1%)
Under HCD Review:	6 (10.5%)
Under Local Process:	19 (33.3%)
 Total Jurisdictions	 57

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)

Planning Period 12/31/2002 - 6/30/2009



Adopted Housing Element Status:

IN Compliance: 15 (83.2%)
OUT of Compliance: 1 (5.6%)
Under HCD Review: 1 (5.6%)
Under Local Process: 1 (5.6%)

Total Jurisdictions 18

All Other Local Governments

Planning Period 12/31/2003 - 6/30/2009

