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SACRAMENTO – The state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced that the city of Fillmore now has a housing plan ("Housing Element") certified by HCD to comply with state housing law. Fillmore is the sixth city to regain compliance this year.

In response to Governor Newsom's meetings with mayors earlier this year, Fillmore has taken necessary steps to comply with state Housing Element law. Fillmore has recently approved 77 affordable apartment homes and more than 100 new townhomes, in addition to review of a large housing subdivision and a look at innovate approaches to converting churches and schools into housing.

"Fillmore is a great example of what can happen with hard work and a strong partnership between state and local governments," said HCD Director Ben Metcalf. "Fillmore has demonstrated the positive impact that can occur in California communities that prioritize housing solutions."

"I want to thank the HCD and city staff for working together to bring our Housing Element into compliance," said Diane McCall, Mayor of Fillmore. "HCD staff was very supportive and city staff worked tirelessly to bring us into compliance. We look forward to working with them in the future."

Fillmore also plans to tap into new state resources to help the city better plan for its future housing needs, for example, using planning grants from the state to help streamline housing approvals and speed up housing production.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing, so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov and follow us on Twitter, @California_HCD and Facebook, @CaliforniaHCD.

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