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

In response to Governor Newsom’s meetings with mayors earlier this year, Claremont has taken necessary steps to comply with state Housing Element law. Specifically, Claremont recently rezoned eight acres for multifamily development, opening the potential for development of 200 affordable apartment homes for families and individuals who struggle to make ends meet. In addition, the city adopted a homeless services plan, which outlines actions the city will implement to reduce homelessness in the community.

HCD continues to work with the remaining 41 cities to bring them into compliance so that California is positioned to meet the housing needs of all.

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.