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Robert Delgadillo, Senior Planner
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Dear Robert Delgadillo:

RE: The City of Compton's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Compton's (City) housing element adopted February 18, 2020 and received for review on March 8, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the draft element reviewed by HCD on September 11, 2019. In addition, the City has amended zoning to permit emergency shelters without discretionary action. As a result, the element meets almost all statutory requirements.

However, as noted in the September 11, 2019 review, the City must still complete a four-year update (due October 2017) to obtain compliance. Specifically, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires a jurisdiction that failed to adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date to revise its element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the applicable due dates. The City of Compton did not meet this requirement; therefore, it is subject to the four-year revision requirement.

In addition, the four-year update requires, among other things, standalone public outreach and participation, separate from the public outreach conducted for the initial 5th cycle housing element. The element must also demonstrate meaningful progress in implementation since adoption of the initial 5th cycle housing element.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City of Compton 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:
http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf and
http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; the SB 2 Planning Grants as well as ongoing SB 2 funding (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With housing element compliance, the City will meet the housing element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD appreciates your assistance throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the City of Compton success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide additional assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact John Buettner, of our staff, at (916) 263-1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannan West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Manager