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Robert Delgadillo, Senior Planner
Community Development Department
City of Compton
205 South Willowbrook Avenue
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Dear Robert Delgadillo:

RE: Review of the City of Compton's 5th (2013-2021) Draft (Four-Year) Housing Element (Update)

Thank you for submitting the City of Compton's (City) draft housing element received for review on May 5, 2020, along with revisions received on May 14, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on May 12, 2020 with you and Cynthia Walsh, PlaceWorks consultant.

The draft element with revisions meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. The draft housing element with revisions will comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

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 the requirements of Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4); therefore, it is subject to the four-year revision requirement until the City has adopted at least two consecutive updated revisions by the applicable due dates. The City missed the first opportunity to adopt on time (10/15/2017). The next opportunity to adopt on time will be the 6th planning cycle housing element update.

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 should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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 program and ongoing SB 2 funding (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, Compton meets housing element requirements for these and other 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 you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Divya Ram, of our staff, at Divya.Ram@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannan West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannan West
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