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Eric Ziegler, City Administrator  
City of Maricopa  
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**RE: City of Maricopa's Failure to Submit a Timely 4-Year Housing Element Update**

Dear Eric Ziegler:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) would like to remind the City of Maricopa that it is subject to revise its Housing Element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the applicable due dates. This was due to the fact that Maricopa failed to draft and adopt its Housing Element for the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle planning period within 120 calendar days of the statutory due date (Government Code Sections 65585 and 65588(e)(4)).

The first four-year update was due December 31, 2019. However, that date has passed, and the city has failed to submit and adopt its first four-year update. As a result, the City of Maricopa's Housing Element does not comply with Housing Element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) and has been out of compliance since December 31, 2019.

The Permanent Local Housing Allocation program (PLHA) is a formula grant available to both entitlement and non-entitlement jurisdictions. The Notice of Funding Availability will be released in February 2020 with applications accepted over-the-counter beginning April 2020 through July 2020. Funding to eligible jurisdictions is available on a non-competitive basis, provided jurisdictions meet basic threshold requirements. Housing element compliance is one of threshold requirements. Without housing element compliance, the City of Maricopa is ineligible to apply for and access these funds. In addition, other funding sources such as SB 2 Planning Grants, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants, and the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400.

As a reminder, to meet the four-year update requirements, the city must submit a draft Housing Element to HCD for review, consider HCD's written findings, adopt the Housing Element, and submit it to HCD for review and certification. For information, please visit our website at: [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/SB375/sb375\\_final100413.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/SB375/sb375_final100413.pdf) or contact Robin Huntley at (916) 263-7422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "Z" and a long, sweeping underline.

Zachary Olmstead  
Deputy Director