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Lori Waterman, City Manager
City of Atwater
750 Bellevue Road
Atwater, CA 95301

Dear Lori Waterman:

RE: Atwater's 5th Cycle (2016-2024) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Atwater's Housing Element adopted December 9, 2019 and received for review on March 16, 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.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted Housing Element in full compliance with state Housing Element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The adopted element satisfies the statutory requirements described in HCD's December 6, 2019, August 30, 2018, May 7, 2018, and September 12, 2017 review letters.

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; and the SB 2 Planning Grants as well as ongoing SB 2 funding consider Housing Element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400. With Housing Element compliance, Atwater meets the Housing Element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD appreciates the cooperation Greg Thompson, City Planner, provided throughout the course of the Housing Element review. HCD wishes Atwater success in implementing its Housing Element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the Housing Element, please contact Paul McDougall of our staff, at (916) 263-7420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead".

Zachary Olmstead
Deputy Director