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Oliver Chi, City Manager
City Manager Office
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Dear Oliver Chi:

RE: Huntington Beach's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Huntington Beach housing element adopted February 3, 2020 and received for review on February 12, 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 Gov. Code). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's January 10, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements. HCD's finding was based on, among other reasons, the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-07 which amended the Beach and Edinger Specific Plan to include an Affordable Housing Overlay that accommodates the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) shortfall of 413 lower-income units and removes governmental constraints to the development of housing pursuant to Program 8 (Adequate Sties Program).

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, Huntington Beach meets the housing element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication Jennifer Villasenor, Deputy Director of Community Development provided in preparation of the housing element. HCD wishes the city success in implementing its housing element including the successful construction of the 43-unit affordable housing project on 18431 Beach Ave (site 2) 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 Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 263-7425.

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, Division of Housing Policy Development