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August 10, 2020

Rod Foster, City Manager  
Administration  
City of Rialto  
150 South Palm Avenue  
Rialto, CA 92376

Dear Rod Foster:

**RE: Rialto's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted (Four-Year) Housing Element Update**

Thank you for submitting the City of Rialto's housing element adopted June 25, 2020 and received for review on June 26, 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 review was expedited to enable the jurisdiction to meet funding criteria for the SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

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 May 21, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements.

Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires a jurisdiction that did not adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date (October 15, 2013) to revise its element every four years. Rialto is subject to the four-year revision requirement which was due October 15, 2017. The City must revise the element on time for at least two consecutive due dates to regain the eight-year planning period. Since the element did not meet the four-year due date, the next opportunity to adopt on time will be the 6th cycle housing element update.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City of Rialto to consider these timing provisions. 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](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf) and [http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\\_6.26.15.pdf](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 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; 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 of Rialto meets the housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the effort provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes Rialto 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. Please contact Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at (916) 263-5151 for any assistance related to the housing element.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Kirkeby', with a small dot at the end of the signature.

Megan Kirkeby  
Acting Deputy Director