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Steve Bade, Community Development Manager
City of Redding
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Dear Steve Bade:

RE: Review of the City of Redding's 6th Cycle (2020-2028) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Redding's (City) draft housing element received for review on February 19, 2020, along with revisions received on March 25 and April 3, 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 March 17, 2020 with Kent Manuel, Planning Manager. In addition, HCD considered comments from Affordable Housing Associates pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

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

To remain on an eight-year planning cycle, the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of April 15, 2020. If adopted after this date, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit HCD's website at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375_final100413.pdf

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.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption HCD reminds the City to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. 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 and
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, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; 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 a compliant housing element, the City of Redding meets housing element requirements for these, and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the dedication Kent Manuel, Planning Manager, provided during the course of our review. HCD is committed to assist Redding in addressing all statutory requirements of housing element law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at (916) 263-4849.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannan West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Manager