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Mr. David Twa, County Administrator
Contra Costa County
651 Pine St., 10th Floor
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Dear Mr. Twa,

RE: Contra Costa County's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Contra Costa County's element adopted December 2, 2014 which was received for review on December 12, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's October 2, 2014 review determined met statutory requirements.

Please note the County of Contra Costa now meets specific requirements for several State and Regional funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks Program includes housing element compliance as a threshold requirement. Please see the Department's website for specific information about these and other State funding programs at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf.

The Department appreciates the dedication Ms. Kara Douglas, Affordable Housing Program Manager and Mr. Patrick Roche, Principal Planner, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes the County of Contra Costa success in implementing its element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Fidel Herrera, of our staff, at (916) 263-7441.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director