



City of Encinitas

Development Services Department

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VIA MAIL AND EMAIL

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Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: Submission of City of Encinitas 6th Cycle Housing Element 2021-2029

Dear Ms. West:

The City of Encinitas is pleased to submit the draft 2021-2029 Housing Element Update for review by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and looks forward to receiving a report of your findings pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h). We would also like to thank Robin Huntley for comments included in your letter dated February 4, 2019 regarding the City's draft Housing Element, and for follow-up conversations and clarifications offered since then.

On April 7, 2021, the City Council approved Resolution 2021-16 adopting the enclosed Housing Element. As required by Government Code Section 65585(e), the City Council considered HCD's findings included in your letter to the City dated February 4, 2021. Consistent with Government Code Section 65585(f)(1), the City changed the Sixth Cycle Housing Element in response to the findings of the Department to substantially comply with the requirements of Article 10.6 of the Government Code as interpreted by HCD. The changes made in the Housing Element in response to HCD's letter are described in Exhibit 2021-16-B to Resolution No. 2021-16 and are attached to this letter for your reference (Attachment 1). With the referenced additions and revisions, the City believes that the Housing Element substantially complies with the requirements of State law.

A hard copy and an electronic version (CD) of the documents comprising the Housing Element are provided for your review (Attachment 2), along with a checklist (included in Attachment 1) showing where each element required by state law can be found. The submittal documents contained herein provide the requisite analysis to achieve certification of our 2021-2029 Housing Element. This includes:

- **Section 1: Housing Element Policy Program** – contains the policy programs for the Housing Element.
- **Appendix A: Community Engagement Summary** – provides a summary of community engagement activities conducted and community comments.
- **Appendix B: Housing Profile Report** – provides the requisite analysis of housing need, constraints, and resources pursuant to housing element law and progress on the 5th Cycle Housing Element.
- **Appendix C: Adequate Sites Analysis** – provides the requisite analysis for the provision of adequate sites to accommodate the City's RHNA need and site inventory form.

We also include, for HCD's use, a set of redlines (Attachment 3) comparing the Council approved Housing Element with that submitted to HCD in December 2020 upon which HCD based their February 4, 2019 Findings Letter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2021-2029 Housing Element, please feel free to contact Jennifer Gates, Principal Planner at (760) 633-2714. We appreciate your assistance throughout the certification process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lillian Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lillian Doherty
Development Services Director

Attachments:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2021-16, including Response to Findings of the California Department of Housing and Community Development Included in Letter Dated February 4, 2021 and Conformance of Housing Element with State Law Requirements
2. Council Approved City of Encinitas 2021-2029 Housing Element
3. Redlines of the City of Encinitas 2021-2029 Housing Element Against the December 2020 Submittal Version

cc: Mayor and City Council
Robin Huntley, HCD