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Mr. Dan Chudy
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RE: Review of the City of Riverside's Revised Draft Housing Element Update

Dear Mr. Chudy:

Thank you for submitting Riverside's revised draft housing element update received for review on March 8, 2012, along with additional revisions received on May 3, 2012. The Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b). The review was facilitated by communications with Mr. Doug Darnell, Senior Planner.

The revised draft element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's November 10, 2011 review. For example, the element now identifies adequate sites to accommodate the City's regional housing need for lower-income households demonstrated by Program H-21 to rezone at least 83.42 acres from Tables H-48 through H-50, allowing multifamily development by-right at a minimum density of 20 units per acre. As a result, the revised element will comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when these revisions are adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication of Mr. Darnell, Ms. Diane Jenkins, Principal Planner, and Mr. Mark Hoffman, the City's consultant, in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Riverside's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Lindy Suggs, of our staff, at (916) 327-2641.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen A. Campora".

Glen A. Campora
Acting Deputy Director