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December 6, 2021

Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer  
County of El Dorado  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Don Ashton:

**RE: El Dorado County's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the County of El Dorado's (County) housing element adopted August 31, 2021 and received for review on September 7, 2021, as well as draft revisions received on November 10 and 17, 2021 and December 2 and 3, 2021. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivisions (b) and (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

The adopted element with draft revisions element meets the statutory requirements described in HCD's August 6, 2021 review. The housing element will comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code) when it is re-adopted, submitted to, and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the County must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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 programs; and 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 County now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the entire housing element team provided, including CJ Freeland, Bret Sampson and your consultants Cynthia Walsh and Lucy Rollins. Their commitment and cooperation were essential throughout the housing element review. For any assistance, please contact Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at [Jamillah.Williams@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Jamillah.Williams@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "McDougall" clearly distinguishable.

Paul McDougall  
Senior Program Manager