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Shohreh Dupuis, City Manager
City of Laguna Beach
505 Forest Avenue
Laguna Beach, CA, 92651

Dear Shohreh Dupuis:

RE: City of Laguna Beach's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Laguna Beach's (City) housing element adopted January 24, 2023 and received for review on January 27, 2023. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's March 30, 2022 review.

Additionally, the City must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs including but not limited to the following:

- Program 5.2-2 (Zoning Toolbox)
- Program 5.2-3 (Permit Streamlining)
- Program 5.2-4 (Downtown Specific Plan Phase 2)
- Program 5.2-6 (Special Needs Housing)
- Program 5.2-7 (Affordable Housing Partnerships)
- Program 5.2-8 (Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation)
- Program 5.2-11 (Fair Housing)

The City must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Government Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

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 HCD's 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 now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

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: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication of your team provided throughout the housing element update and review. HCD wishes the City success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Chelsea Lee, of our staff, at Chelsea.Lee@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul McDougall
Senior Program Manager