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Aaron Busch, City Manager
City of Vacaville,
650 Merchant Street,
City of Vacaville, CA 95688

Dear Aaron Busch:

RE: City of Vacaville's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Vacaville's (City) housing element that was adopted June 27, 2023 and received for review on July 28, 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 substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements that were described in HCD's April 24, 2023 review.

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

- Program H-2 (Special Housing Needs and Underserved Populations)
- Program H-3 (Variety of Housing Types)
- Program H-5 (Affordable Housing Construction)
- Program H-7 (Emergency Shelters)
- Program H-8 (Adequate Sites)
- Program H-11 (Streamlining Housing)
- Program H-15 (Planning Regulations Amendments)
- Program H-18 (Sites Inventory Rezone Program)
- Program H-25 (Housing Rehabilitation)
- Program H-28 (Fair Housing)
- Program H-33 (Housing Choice Voucher Program)
- Program H-40 (Place-Based Community Revitalization Strategies)

The City must monitor and report on the results of these 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.

HCD appreciates the dedication and effort provided throughout the housing element update and review. HCD wishes Vacaville success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following the City's progress through the annual progress report pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Irvin Saldana of our staff, at Irvin.Saldana@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul McDougall
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