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Ms. Amy J. Bodek, Director  
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Dear Ms. Bodek:

**RE: Review of the City of Long Beach's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2013-2021) Revised Draft  
Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting Long Beach's revised draft housing element received for review on October 30, 2013 along with revisions received on December 16 and 23, 2013. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. In addition, the Department considered comments from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(c).

The revised draft element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's August 26, 2013 review. For example, the element now includes a program to establish additional zoning for emergency shelters. The element also includes programs to assist in the development and conservation of housing affordable to lower income households, including annually pursuing funding opportunities and promoting and preserving homes affordable to lower income households in transit oriented development areas. These programs and others along with implementation to have a beneficial impact in the planning period are essential to meeting statutory requirements. As a result, the element will comply with Article 10.6 of the Government Code once adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Section 65585(g).

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days of the statutory due date of October 15, 2013 for Southern California Association of Government localities. If adopted after this date, the City will be required to revise the housing element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline (Government Code Section 65588(e)(4)). For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit the Department's website at:  
[http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he\\_review\\_adoptionsteps110812.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf)

The Department is pleased to inform the City the prior 4<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element compliance meets one of the threshold requirements of the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program which rewards local governments for approving housing affordable to lower-income households. The HRP Program, funded by Proposition 1C, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying unit permitted since 2010. Grant awards can be used to fund park-related capital asset projects. Information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>.

Public participation in the development, adoption, and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate. For example, the Department received comments from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) regarding a variety of issues under housing element law. The City must continue to engage the community and LAFLA to address those issues as appropriate through the adoption and implementation of the housing element.

The Department appreciates the City's efforts and cooperation throughout the review of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Long Beach's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Brett Arriaga, of our staff, at (916) 263-7439.

Sincerely,



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