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March 16, 2010

Mr. Barry M. Nagel  
City Manager  
City of South San Francisco  
400 Grand Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Dear Mr. Nagel:

**RE: Review of the City of South San Francisco's Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of South San Francisco's housing element adopted February 10, 2010, and received for review on February 26, 2010. The Department is required to review adopted housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h).

As you know, the Department's January 21, 2010 review found South San Francisco's revised draft housing element addressed the statutory requirements of housing element law. As the adopted element is substantially the same as the revised draft, the Department is pleased to find the element in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code).

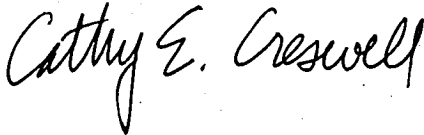
The Department commends the City for adopting programs to amend zoning, increase densities and modify development standards such as parking requirements in areas served by transit. These programs will facilitate the development of housing affordable to lower-income households and workers while maximizing land resources and promoting complementary public policy objectives such as improved access to transit and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods.

In addition, South San Francisco now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks Program, authorized by Proposition 1C, Local Housing Trust Fund and the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Programs include housing element compliance either as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. More specific information about these and other programs is available on the Department's website at [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan\\_grant\\_hecompl011708.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf).

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The Department wishes South San Francisco 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 the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 322-7995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy E. Creswell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cathy E. Creswell  
Deputy Director