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April 6, 2010

Mr. Jim Hardy  
City Manager  
City of Foster City  
610 Foster City Boulevard  
Foster City, CA 94044

Dear Mr. Hardy:

**RE: Review of the City of Foster City's Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Foster City's housing element adopted on February 1, 2010 and received for review on February 8, 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 28, 2010 review found Foster City'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).

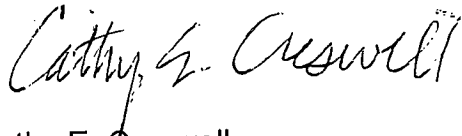
The Department commends Foster City for adopting programs to encourage the development of housing affordable to lower-income households, including extremely low-income households through the City's Planned Development process on larger vacant sites and those undergoing reuse. These programs will facilitate the development of housing affordable to lower-income households and workers while maximizing land resources and creating vibrant neighborhoods.

Foster City 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\\_hcompl011708.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hcompl011708.pdf).

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The Department wishes Foster 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 the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Raquel Medina, of our staff, at (916) 324-9629.

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