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Mr. Anthony Constantouros
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Town of Hillsborough
1600 Floribunda Avenue
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Dear Mr. Constantouros:

RE: Review of the Town of Hillsborough's Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Hillsborough's housing element adopted June 8, 2009 and received for review on June 10, 2009. 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 May 29, 2009 review found the Town of Hillsborough'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 it in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code).

The Department commends Hillsborough's efforts to encourage and facilitate the development of second units (Programs 3-C1, 3-C2, and 3-C3) and partnering with local schools to provide multifamily housing opportunities (Programs 1-A3 and 1-A4). The Department also acknowledges the Town's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the work of the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force. Successful implementation of Hillsborough's housing and land-use strategies will address local housing needs, particularly for the workforce and low- and moderate-income families and implement the Town's vision for a sustainable future.

In addition, the Town now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Infill Incentive Grant and Housing Related Parks Programs, authorized by Proposition 1C, Local Housing Trust Fund and the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Program 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.

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The Department wishes the Town of Hillsborough 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 Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 445-5307.

Sincerely,



Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

cc: Elizabeth Cullinan, Planning and Building Department Director, Town of Hillsborough