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Ms. Connie Jackson, City Manager
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Dear Ms. Jackson:

RE: Review of the City of San Bruno's Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting San Bruno's housing element adopted March 23, 2010 and received for review on April 1, 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 February 16, 2010 review found San Bruno'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).

San Bruno is commended for the recent adoption of its General Plan Update, which includes new land-use classifications for Transit Oriented Development and Multi-Use Residential Focus along El Camino Real to promote compact, infill and mixed-use development near transit. Such land-use strategies also promote the feasibility of developing housing for lower-income families and workers by encouraging a variety of housing types and affordability near jobs, services and transit while strengthening the local economy. These efforts and other programs in the element will maximize land resources, improve jobs and housing relationships and reduce vehicle miles traveled to address climate change objectives.

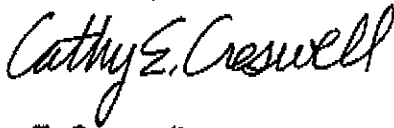
San Bruno now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program, Local Housing Trust Fund and the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) programs include housing element compliance either as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. Additional 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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In particular, the HRP Program, authorized by Proposition 1C, is an innovative new program rewarding local governments the approval of housing for lower-income households and provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying housing start, beginning calendar year 2010. More specific information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrp>.

The Department wishes the City of San Bruno success in implementing the 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,



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