

- Maryam Hariri
Department of Housing
County of San Mateo
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Belmont, CA 94002

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Re: 2009-2014 Housing Element Update

Dear Ms. Hariri,

Our agency works to provide housing with supportive services for people with developmental disabilities.

Our consumer population is increasingly requesting to live in their own apartments and homes. They have housing needs which are unique, but also mirror those of the general population.

We wish to work with you, your jurisdiction, and any housing element consultant contracted by your jurisdiction to ensure that the planning process:

- Acknowledges the housing needs of those with developmental disabilities
- Includes a specific count for such needs that reflects the magnitude of the housing needs of this population
- Addresses all aspects of the housing process that can be employed on behalf of those with developmental disabilities (financing, site identification, reasonable accommodation, removal of barriers, Inclusionary placements, and other methods)

We attach to this cover letter:

- A Background Paper explaining the housing needs of people with developmentally disabilities, and what methodology we utilized to generate an estimate of housing needs for your jurisdiction
- A spreadsheet illustrating the extent of the developmentally disabled population in your jurisdiction, and a "Housing Need count" which quantifies expected demand for housing over the 2009-2014 Housing Element cycle. (This data is provided by the Golden Gate Regional Center, the entity designated by the state of California to provide all services for people living with developmental disabilities in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin Counties)

We request that you include Senior Project Manager David Brigode of WestBay Housing on all e-mail and mailing lists as our contact person for your housing element update.

We also ask that you forward this communication to your housing element consultant, if contracted, and provide us with their name and contact information.

Please inform us of your progress in preparing this update, opportunities for additional public review and input, and provide us with working copies of at least the portion which references Special Needs housing policies and projections.

We thank your jurisdiction for including the developmentally disabled in your future housing planning

Please contact us if you have any questions.

David Brigode
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