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July 20, 2020

Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer
County of Mendocino
860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA, 95482

Dear Carmel J. Angelo:

RE: Mendocino County's 6th Cycle (2019-2027) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Mendocino County's (County) housing element adopted December 10, 2019 and received for review on April 22, 2020. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) also received revisions to the adopted housing element on July 15, 2020 as authorized by Resolution No.19-399. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), HCD is reporting the results of its review. In addition, HCD considered comments from Jacob Patterson pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element, including the revisions incorporated on July 15, 2020, in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's December 9, 2019 review.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the County to consider these timing provisions. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf and http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; the SB 2 Planning Grants as well as ongoing SB 2 funding (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With housing element compliance, the County now meets the housing element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD commends the County's efforts to facilitate a variety of housing choices, including higher density and accessory dwelling units. These efforts and strategies are a critical component of addressing the County's housing needs.

HCD appreciates the dedication Jesse Davis, Senior Planner, and Cynthia Walsh, consultant, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the County 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 HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at (916) 263-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannan West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannan West
Land Use and Planning Unit Chief