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Brian Desatnik, Director  
Development Services Department  
City of Redlands  
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Redlands, CA 92373

Dear Brian Desatnik:

**RE: City of Redlands's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2021-2029) Revised Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Redlands's (City) revised draft housing element update received on July 29, 2022 along with revisions received September 26, 2022. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements described in HCD's March 4, 2022 review. The housing element will comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code) when it is adopted, submitted to, and approved by HCD, pursuant to Government Code section 65585.

The element identifies sites from prior planning periods and a shortfall of adequate sites to accommodate the regional housing need allocation (RHNA). Pursuant to Senate Bill 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022), as the City did not adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (October 15, 2021), unless the City's re-adopted element is found in compliance by October 15, 2022, HCD cannot find the element in compliance until the rezoning is complete.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate. Please be aware, any revisions to the element must be posted on the local government's website and to email a link to all individuals and organizations that have previously requested notices relating to the local government's housing element at least seven days before submitting to HCD.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the City will meet housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication you and the housing element update team provided in preparation of the City's housing element and looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Reid Miller at [Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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