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Ms. Jennifer K. Clark, Director
Development and Resource Management Department
City of Fresno
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Dear Ms. Clark:

RE: Review of Fresno's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Fresno's revised draft housing element update. The revised element was received for review on February 6, 2017, along with revisions received on March 29 and April 7, 2017. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. The Department considered comments from Leadership Council of Justice and Accountability and Public Interest Law Project pursuant to GC Section 65585(c).

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements described in the Department's November 1, 2016. The revised housing element will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when adopted and submitted to the Department in accordance with GC Section 65585(g).

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. As noted in prior reviews, throughout the housing element process and implementation, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available as well as consideration and incorporation of comments where appropriate.

Please note, on January 6, 2016, HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Mobilehome Park Rehabilitation and Resident Ownership Program (MPRRP). This program replaces the former Mobilehome Park Resident Ownership Program (MPROP) and allows expanded uses of funds. The purposes of this new program are to loan funds to facilitate converting mobilehome park ownership to park residents or a qualified nonprofit corporation, and assist with repairs or accessibility upgrades meeting specified criteria. This program supports housing element goals such as encouraging a variety of housing

types, preserving affordable housing, and assisting mobilehome owners, particularly those with lower-incomes. Further information is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/mobilehome-park-rehabilitation-resident-ownership-program/index.html> .

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication Ms. Sophia Pagoulatos and Ms. Talia Kolluri provided in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Fresno City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Tom Brinkhuis, of our staff, at (916) 263-6651.

Sincerely,



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