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June 19, 2023

Matthew H. Hymel, County Administrator  
County of Marin  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325  
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Dear Matthew H. Hymel:

**RE: Marin County's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the County of Marin's (County) housing element that was adopted January 24, 2023 and received for review on May 17, 2023 along with technical modifications on June 16, 2023 as authorized by Resolution Number 2023-10. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element, with modifications, in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq), as of June 19, 2023. The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's March 23, 2023 review.

Additionally, the County must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs including, but not limited to, the following:

- Program 1 (Adequate Sites)
- Program 2 (By Right Approval)
- Program 4 (Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 7 (Religious and Institutional Facility Housing Overlay)
- Program 8 (Development Code Amendments)
- Program 9 (Parking Standards)
- Program 11 (Water and Sewer Availability)
- Program 15 (Housing for Farmworkers)
- Program 25 (Incentives for Affordable Housing)
- Program 29 (Place-Based Planning and Neighborhood Improvements)
- Program 31 (Tenant Protection Strategies)
- Program 33 (Regional Collaboration)
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Action Matrix

The County must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Government Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

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 County now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the effort and dedication provided by the housing element update team throughout the housing element review, particularly Leelee Thomas and Jillian Zeiger. Their efforts and public service are truly commendable. 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 Reid Miller, of our staff, at [Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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