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Matt Flood, Assistant City Manager
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Dear Matt Flood:

RE: City of San Joaquin's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of San Joaquin's (City) housing element that was adopted April 2, 2024 (Resolution No. 2024-11) and received for review on May 3, 2024. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, 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 in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's March 19, 2024 review determined met statutory requirements.

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

- Program 2 (Homeless/Unhoused Needs)
- Program 5 (Lot Consolidation)
- Program 6 (Affordable Housing Incentives)
- Program 7 (Support Funding for Farmworker Housing)
- Program 11 (Encourage and Facilitate Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 13 (Zoning Code Amendments)
- Program 14 (Reasonable Accommodations and Universal Design)
- Program 15 (Objective Design and Development Standards)
- Program 23 (Improve Access to Resources and Environmental Health)

The City must monitor and report on the results of these 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 program, 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 now meets 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 City's dedication and effort that the housing element team provided throughout the housing element update and review. HCD wishes the City of San Joaquin 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 Melissa Vasquez, of our staff, at Melissa.Vasquez@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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