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Mr. Chris Hughes, City Manager
City of Ontario
303 East B Street
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

RE: Review of the City of Ontario's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Ontario's housing element adopted October 15, 2013 and received for review on November 1, 2013. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). For example, the element identifies adequate sites to accommodate the City's regional housing need for lower-income households demonstrated by Program 16 to rezone at least 83 acres to High Density Residential with minimum densities of 25 units per acre. The Department's review found the adopted element to be substantially the same as the revised draft element reviewed by the Department on September 25, 2013 and determined to comply with statutory requirements.

The Department is pleased to inform the City that housing element compliance meets one of the threshold requirements of the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program which rewards local governments for approving housing affordable to lower-income households. The HRP Program, funded by Proposition 1C, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying unit permitted since 2010. Grant awards can be used to fund park-related capital asset projects. The HRP Program 2013 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), released October 3, 2013, announced the availability of \$25 million in grant funds to eligible applicants. Applications are due January 22, 2014. Further information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>.

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The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication of Mr. Jerry Blum, Planning Director, Ms. Cathy Wahlstrom, Principal Planner, Ms. Melanie Mullis, Senior Planner, and your consultants from PMC. The Department wishes the City of Ontario 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 the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 263-7420

Sincerely,



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Assistant Deputy Director