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Vyto Adomaitis, Director Community Development Department City of Oxnard 300 West Third Street Oxnard, CA, 93030

Dear Vyto Adomaitis:

## RE: Oxnard's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Oxnard's (City) revised draft housing element received for review on May 12, 2022, along with revisions received on July 7, 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. In addition, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585 (c), HCD considered comments from Sun Village Homes.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements described in HCD's January 10, 2022 review and State Housing Element Law. 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, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

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 Vyto Adomaitis, Community Development Director Page 2

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 of Kathleen Mallory, Planning and Sustainability Manager, 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 Shawn Danino, of our staff, at <u>shawn.danino@hcd.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Paul McDougall Senior Program Manager