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Mr. Scott Hanin, City Manager
City of El Cerrito
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94806

Dear Mr. Hanin:

RE: City of El Cerrito's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of El Cerrito's housing element adopted April 21, 2015 which was received for review on May 15, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review. The review was expedited to enable the jurisdiction to meet funding criteria for the One Bay Area Grant Program (OBAG) Program.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's February 12, 2015 review determined met statutory requirements.

Please note the City of El Cerrito now meets specific requirements for State and Regional funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Department's Housing Related Parks Program includes housing element compliance as a threshold requirement. Please see the Department's website for specific information about this and other State funding programs at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf.

The Department appreciates the effort and cooperation Ms. Chelsey Norton Payne, the City's consultant, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes El Cerrito success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide additional assistance in implementing the element, please contact Mario Angel, of our staff, at (916) 263-7442.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director