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Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager
City of Norwalk
12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 3
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Dear Jesus M. Gomez:

RE: City of Norwalk's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Norwalk's (City) housing element which was adopted February 21, 2023. The adopted element and authorized modifications were received for review on November 7, 2023. All modifications were authorized by Resolution Number 23-09 and were made available to the public for seven days before the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) review. The City confirmed the modifications are consistent with the direction and authority granted by Resolution Number 23-09. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, HCD\ is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element, including all modifications, in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element, including all modifications, meets the requirements described in HCD's March 28, 2023 review.

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

- Program 1.1 (Site Availability and By-Right Approval)
- Program 1.3 (High School Site)
- Program 1.3 (Land Use Policy Changes)
- Program 1.4 (Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 1.5 (Density Bonus)
- Program 3.3 (Objective Design Standards)
- Program 3.5 (Special Needs Housing)
- Program 3.6 (Definition of Family)
- Program 5.2 (Capital and Other Investments for Neighborhood Revitalization)

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.

HCD appreciates the dedication and work put into the housing element update and review process. HCD particularly applauds the efforts of Carlos Rojas. HCD wishes the City of Norwalk 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 Anthony Errichetto at Anthony.Errichetto@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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