



Housing Trust Fund of Santa Barbara County

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Paul McDougall, Senior Program Manager
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Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 W. El Camino Avenue, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833

RE: City of Goleta Housing Element

Dear Mr. McDougall:

The Housing Trust Fund of Santa Barbara County (HTF) is a non-profit financing initiative whose mission is to expand affordable housing opportunities for low-to-middle income residents and workers of Santa Barbara County, California. Since HTF began our operations in 2005, we have raised \$13 million in private and public capital to support our Revolving Loan Fund for affordable housing production and a countrywide Workforce Homebuyer Program. We provide low-cost loans to community housing sponsors to facilitate affordable housing development and homebuyer assistance to help local employees purchase a home in the community.

Over the past year, HTF has been following the City of Goleta's Housing Element update process. From the beginning of the Housing Element update we've appreciated the City's proactive efforts to reach out to solicit ideas from our company and others working in the housing field in Santa Barbara County.

HTF particularly appreciates the City's efforts in supporting our prototype 3-D printed home project. HTF identified a site in the City of Goleta to serve as the site of the first 3-D printed affordable home in Santa Barbara County. The City of Goleta has been supportive of this project in several ways. These include coordination with the City's Planning and Environmental Review Director and Building Official to ensure the viability of the project and the support of the City's Mayor on the Santa Barbara Association of Governments Board to recommend to the State a REAP 2.0 grant of \$375,000 to help facilitate the project.

HTF looks forward to working with the City of Goleta on this project and others over the next eight years. The City of Goleta has made it clear in their Housing Element that collaboration with other agencies and organizations will be a focal point of their efforts to support affordable housing in the community. These efforts are clearly delineated in Program HE 5.2 (Community and Regional Collaboration). We also appreciate the inclusion of Program HE 2.4(b), where the City will proactively seek to connect housing developers to non-profit organizations to facilitate

affordable housing development. These are the very groups that our agency actively supports with our affordable housing loan programs. Therefore, the City's participation will enhance and strengthen public-private partnership efforts to create more affordable housing in the community.

HTF looks forward to serving as a community partner with the City of Goleta over the next eight years to help implement the goals of their Housing Element to expand affordable housing opportunities in the City of Goleta. HTF supports the City's adoption of the Housing Element 2023-2031 on January 17, 2023.

Sincerely,



Jennifer McGovern
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