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Peter Imhof, Director
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Dear Peter Imhof,

RE: City of Goleta's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Goleta's (City) revised draft housing element received for review on August 21, 2023. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) also received revisions on October 12, 2023 that were made available to the public for seven days. In addition, HCD considered comments from various commenters (See Attachment 1) pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c). Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, HCD is reporting the results of its review.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements that were described in HCD's March 20, 2023 review. The housing element will substantially comply with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) when it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

For your information, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1398 (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021), as the City did not adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (February 15, 2023), programs to make prior identified sites available or rezone sites to address a shortfall of capacity to accommodate the regional housing need allocation (RHNA) (Program HE 2.1) must be completed no later than one year from the statutory deadline. Otherwise, the local government's housing element will no longer comply with State Housing Element Law, and HCD may revoke its finding of substantial compliance pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i).

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 should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and 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 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 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 the housing element update team, especially Anne Wells and Andy Newkirk. Their efforts and commitment to effectively plan for Goleta's existing and future housing needs are commendable. HCD looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Tristan Lanza, of our staff, at Tristan.Lanza@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1
List of Commenters

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