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Kwame Reed, Acting City Manager  
City of Antioch  
200 H Street  
Antioch, CA 94531

Dear Kwame Reed:

**RE: City of Antioch's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Antioch's housing element, which was adopted January 24, 2023, with technical modifications received on August 15, 2023 and October 12, 2023. All technical modifications were authorized by Resolution Number 2023/16 and were made available to the public for seven days before HCD's review. The City confirmed the technical modifications are consistent with the direction and authority granted by Resolution Number. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element, including all technical 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 technical modifications, meets the requirements described in HCD's April 4, 2023, review.

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

- Program 2.1.7 (Support Non-Profit Housing Sponsors)
- Program 2.1.9 (Resources for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness)
- Program 2.1.11 (Missing Middle Housing)
- Program 3.1.1 (Extremely Low-Income and Special Needs Groups)
- Program 3.1.5 (Emergency Shelters, Supportive and Transitional Housing)
- Program 4.1.3 (Density Bonus Ordinance)
- Program 4.1.7 (Streamlined Approvals)
- Program 4.1.13 (Multifamily Objective Design Standards)
- Program 5.1.4 (Environmental Justice)
- Program 5.1.7 (Economic Development in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods)

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.

For your information, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1398 (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021), as the City failed to adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (January 31, 2023), Program A6.1-2 (Prior Identified Sites) to make prior identified sites available 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)

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 hard work put into the housing element update and review process. HCD wishes the City of Antioch 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 you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Melissa Vasquez, of our staff, at [Melissa.Vasquez@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Melissa.Vasquez@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Paul McDougall  
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