

Appendix K

HCD's Approval Letter for the City's Housing Element



Appendices

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September 2, 2009

Mr. Thomas J. Wood
City Manager
City of Anaheim
200 South Anaheim Boulevard
Anaheim, CA 92803

Dear Mr. Wood:

RE: Review of the City of Anaheim's Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Anaheim's housing element adopted on August 11, 2009, and received for review on August 19, 2009. The Department is required to review adopted housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h).

As you know, the Department's June 11, 2009 review found the City of Anaheim's revised draft housing element addressed the statutory requirements of housing element law. As the adopted element is substantially the same as the revised draft, the Department is pleased to find the element in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code).

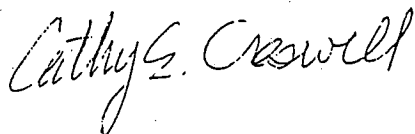
The Department recognizes Anaheim's commitment to provide adequate sites to accommodate the City's regional housing need for lower-income households, including rezoning opportunity sites. The adopted element includes a variety of programs to assist in the development of housing affordable to lower-income households and workers, including expedited processing, land acquisition and developer incentives. This and other housing and land-use programs demonstrate Anaheim's commitment and leadership to support an adequate supply of housing, promote livable communities and strengthen the local economy.

In addition, Anaheim now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks Program, authorized by Proposition 1C, and the Local Housing Trust Fund include housing element compliance either as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. More specific information about these and other programs is available on the Department's website at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecomp1011708.pdf.

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The Department wishes the City of Anaheim 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. We appreciate the cooperation and assistance provided by Mr. Jonathan Borrego, of your staff, and the City's consultants, Mr. David Barquist and Ms. Michelle Kou. If you have questions or would like further assistance, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 322-7995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy E. Creswell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director