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June 21, 2024

Dustin Rief, City Manager  
City of Dunsmuir  
5915 Dunsmuir Avenue  
Dunsmuir, CA 96025

Dear Dustin Rief:

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

Thank you for submitting the City of Dunsmuir's (City) housing element that was adopted April 18, 2024 and received for review on April 26, 2024, including modifications received June 21, 2024. The modifications were authorized by Resolution Number 2024-24 and posted and made available to the public for seven days prior to review. 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 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 modifications, addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's March 4, 2024 review.

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

- Program HE 2.2.1 – ADU Ordinance Update
- Program HE 2.2.4 – Provisions for Dwelling Groups
- Program HE 2.2.5 – Small Lot Consolidation
- Program HE 2.3.1 – Density Bonus Procedures
- Program HE 2.3.2 – Reduce Parking Requirements
- Program HE 4.2.1 – Variety of Housing Types
- Program HE 4.2.2 – Group Homes
- Program HE 5.1.1 – Extremely Low-income Households
- Program HE 5.1.2 – Affordable Housing Developers
- Program HE 7.1.2 – AFFH Action Plan

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.

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 commitment the housing element update team provided throughout the housing element update and review. HCD wishes the City 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 Andrea Grant, of our staff, at [andrea.grant@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:andrea.grant@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul McDougall  
Senior Program Manager