



Community Development Department

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July 20, 2022

State Department of Housing and Community Development
c/o Land Use and Planning Unit
Attn: Mr. Colin Cross
2020 W. El Camino Ave., Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95833

**SUBJECT: CITY OF TUSTIN HOUSING ELEMENT 6th CYCLE UPDATE
THIRD REVIEW – ADDRESSING MAY 18, 2022 FINDINGS**

Dear Mr. Colin Cross:

Enclosed for your review is the **City of Tustin *Revised* Final Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element dated July 2022**, addressing HCD's third findings letter dated May 18, 2022. The enclosed resubmittal provides a fourth opportunity for the City to demonstrate compliance with the State's Housing Element law and addresses all findings. **The City of Tustin is also formally requesting an expedited review of this resubmittal**, as we are hoping to comply with SB 197 timeline and ready to proceed with the implementation of the housing sites' rezoning identified in this 6th Cycle Housing Element to meet RHNA. City staff is hopeful that HCD staff can honor our request for an expedited review, as the City is seeking certainty in HCD's acceptance of the identified housing sites to meet RHNA, prior to initiating the CEQA environmental process for the sites' rezoning.

The City has complied with Assembly Bill (AB) 215, which requires that the City provide a seven (7) day comment period for any subsequent revisions. The City posted the draft revisions on its City website (www.Tustinca.org/HousingElement) and emailed a link to all individuals and organizations that previously requested notices relating to Tustin's Housing Element, from July 12, 2022 through July 19, 2022. At the conclusion of the comment period, the City received five (5) comments. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the comments and the City's responses, for your reference. In sum, the public comments received have been previously addressed as part of the draft Housing Element preparation process.

Attachment 2 is a Response to Comments summary table, including a reference to the document page containing the revision. Furthermore, for ease of review, all revisions to the document are indicated in redline/strikeout format (Attachment 3).

We greatly appreciate the technical assistance you and HCD staff have provided via Zoom, email and phone. With your guidance, we believe that these most recent revisions fully comply with Housing Element Law and we look forward to receiving your response.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jwillkom@tustinca.org or (714) 573-3115, or Irma Huitron, Assistant Director, at ihuitron@tustinca.org or (714) 573-3035.

Sincerely,



Justina L. Willkom,
Community Development Director

Attachments:

1. AB 215 Public Comments/Responses Summary
2. HCD Findings/City Response to Comments Summary
3. Redlined/Tracked Changes - City of Tustin Final Draft Housing Element 2021-2029
– July 2022

cc: Irma Huitron, Assistant Director – Planning