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Ron Garcia, Director
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Dear Ron Garcia:

RE: Baldwin Park 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Baldwin Park's housing element that was adopted July 19, 2023 and received for review on July 20, 2023. Additionally, HCD has received correspondence and documentation on August 2, 2023 (Ordinance 1506) regarding the recent completion of Program H3-6 (AB 1397 Reuse of Sites). Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), 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 in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in HCD's April 17, 2023 review. Additionally, the City has completed its required rezoning to make prior identified sites available for lower-income households pursuant to Government Code section 65583.2(c)).

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

- Program H3-3: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Program H3-5: Replacement of Units on Sites
- Program H3-8: Hotel/Motel Conversions
- Program H3-9: Development of Nonvacant Sites
- Program H3-10: Development on Religious Institution Sites
- Programs H4-1 and 4-2: Lot Consolidation
- Program H4-4: Zoning Code Update
- Program H4-6: Expedite Project Review and Permitting Procedures
- Program H4-11: Residential Care Facilities
- Program H5-4: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

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, 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>.

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 hard work and dedication that you and your team provided throughout the course of the housing element 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 HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Reid Miller, of our staff, at Reid.Miller@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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