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Mr. Jean M. Rousseau
County Administrative Officer
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2800 West Burrel Avenue
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Dear Mr. Rousseau:

RE: Review of the County of Tulare's Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Tulare County's housing element adopted May 8, 2012 and received for review on May 16, 2012. The Department is required to review adopted housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(h).

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). We found the adopted element to be substantially the same as the revised draft element reviewed on January 3, 2012 and determined to comply with statutory requirements.

The County 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 (HRP) Program, Local Housing Trust Fund and the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) programs include housing element compliance as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. Information on these and other programs are available at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf.

Specifically, the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program authorized by Proposition 1C, is an innovative program rewarding eligible local governments with grant funds for qualified housing starts for housing for lower-income households. Additional information on the HRP Program can be found at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/.

The Department appreciates the efforts of Messrs. Jake Raper, Director of the Resources and Management Agency, Fred Brusuelas, Chief Planner, and Michael Washam, Economic Development Manager, throughout the course of the housing element review process. We wish the County success in implementing its housing element and look forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Government Code Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Jess Negrete, of our staff, at (916) 323-3185.

Sincerely,

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Acting Deputy Director