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Ms. Bettie Weiss
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Dear Ms. Weiss:

RE: Santa Barbara's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Santa Barbara's draft housing element update which was received for review on November 6, 2014, along with additional revisions received on December 17, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on December 12, 2014 with Mr. John Ledbetter, Principal Planner; Ms. Irma Unzueta, Project Planner; and John Douglas, City Consultant.

The draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. This finding was based on, among other reasons, the element demonstrating adequate sites to meet the City's regional housing needs allocation. The draft element with revisions will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when these revisions are adopted and submitted to the Department, in accordance with GC Section 65585(g).

The Department conducted a streamlined review of the draft housing element based on the City's meeting all eligibility criteria detailed in the Department's Housing Element Update Guidance.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication of Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Unzueta, and Mr. Douglas, in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Santa Barbara's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact James Johnson, of our staff, at (916) 263-7426.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen A. Campora".

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director