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Ms. Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Ms. Miyasato:

**RE: Santa Barbara County's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2015-2023) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the County of Santa Barbara's housing element adopted February 3, 2015 which was received for review on February 13, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted housing element and minor technical clarifications described in your April 22, 2015 correspondence address the statutory requirements described in the Department's October 3, 2014 review.

Please note Santa Barbara 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 Program includes housing element compliance as a threshold requirement. Please see the Department's website for specific information about these and other State funding programs at [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan\\_grant\\_hcompl011708.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hcompl011708.pdf).

The Department appreciates the dedication and efforts provided by Mr. Allen Bell, Supervising Planner, and Ms. Oksana Buck, Planner, throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes Santa Barbara County success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Jess Negrete, of our staff, at (916) 263-7437.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora  
Assistant Deputy Director