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Dear Grant Leonard:

RE: City of Salinas' 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Salinas' (City) housing element that was adopted December 5, 2023, and received for review on December 13, 2023. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) also received minor modifications as authorized by Resolution Number 22868. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, HCD is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element, including minor modifications, 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 October 4, 2023, review.

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

- Program 1 (Adequate Sites for RHNA)
- Program 4 (Accessory Dwelling Units)
- Program 5 (East Area Specific Plan)
- Program 6 (Zoning Code Updates)
- Program 7 (Reduce Housing Constraints)
- Program 10 (Housing Services Program)
- Program 14 (Housing for Persons with Disabilities)
- Program 17 and 18 (Farmworker Housing)
- Program 25 (At-Risk Affordable Housing Preservation)
- Program 26 (Disadvantage Neighborhood Investment)

The City must monitor and report on the results of this 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.

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.

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>.

HCD appreciates the cooperation and dedication that you and Jonathan Moore, Senior Planner, provided throughout the housing element review and update. 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 any assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Anthony Errichetto, of our staff, at Anthony.Errichetto@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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