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Mr. Larry Spikes, County Administrative Officer
Kings County
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Spikes:

RE: Kings County's 5th Cycle (2016-2024) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Kings County's housing element adopted January 26, 2016 that was received for review on January 29, 2016 along with edits and clarification received on April 8, 11, 18 and 28, 2016. 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 (Article 10.6 of the Government Code). The adopted element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's November 24, 2016 review.

For your information, some other elements of the general plan must be updated on or before the next adoption of the housing element. The safety and conservation elements of the general plan must include analysis and policies regarding fire and flood hazard management (GC Section 65302(g)). Also, the land-use element must address disadvantaged communities (unincorporated island or fringe communities within spheres of influence areas or isolated long established "legacy" communities) based on available data, including, but not limited to, data and analysis applicable to spheres of influence areas pursuant to GC Section 56430. The Department urges the County to consider these 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: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/SB244_Technical_Advisory.pdf and http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

Please note Kings 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, funded by Proposition 1C, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying lower income unit permitted since 2010. Further information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>.

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The Department appreciates the effort of the County and assistance that Mr. John Douglas provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes Kings County 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 the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Greg Nickless, of our staff, at (916) 274-6244.

Sincerely,



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