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Carmela Campbell, Director
Economic and Community Development
City of Union City
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Dear Carmela Campbell:

RE: City of Union City's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Union City's (City) revised draft housing element update which was received April 21, 2023 along with revisions received on May 4, 2023 and May 16, 2023. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements that were described in HCD's April 5, 2023 review. The housing element will substantially comply with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq.) when it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

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 while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate. Please be aware, any revisions to the element must be posted on the local government's website and to email a link to all individuals and organizations that have previously requested notices relating to the local government's housing element at least seven days before submitting to HCD.

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 programs; 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

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element, the City will meet housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and cooperation you and the housing element update team provided and looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Shawn Danino, of our staff, at Shawn.Danino@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul McDougall
Senior Program Manager