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Ms. Aarti Shrivastava, Assistant City Manager  
City of Cupertino  
10300 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA 95014

Dear Ms. Shrivastava:

**RE: City of Cupertino's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Cupertino's draft housing element update that was received for review on December 12, 2014, along with revisions received on January 21 and 30, 2015 and February 4, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. In addition, the Department considered comments from the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley pursuant to GC Section 65585(c).

The draft element with revisions meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The element will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when adopted and submitted to the Department, in accordance with GC Section 65585(g).

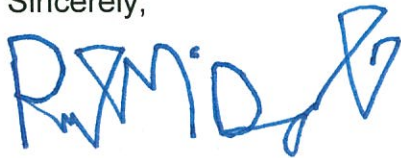
Our review was facilitated by various communications, including a conversation on January 15, 2015 with you, Piu Ghosh, Senior Planner, Christopher Valenzuela, Senior Housing Planner, the City's consultants, Genevieve Sharrow and Veronica Tam and special counsel, Barbara Kautz. The Department conducted a streamlined review of the draft housing element based on the City meeting all eligibility criteria detailed in the Department's Housing Element Update Guidance. The City also utilized ABAG's pre-approved housing element data.

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of January 31, 2015 for ABAG localities. If adopted after this date, GC Section 65588(e)(4) requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit our Department's website at: [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he\\_review\\_adoptionsteps110812.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf).

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 the housing element update team and looks forward to receiving Cupertino's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Hilda Sousa, of our staff, at (916) 263-1784.

Sincerely,

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

Paul McDougall  
Housing Policy Manager