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James Corless, Chief Executive Officer
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Dear James Corless:

RE: Review of SACOG Housing Element Data

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Housing Element Data. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) applauds SACOG for its tremendous effort to assist local governments in complying with the statutory requirements of housing element law. The housing element data prepared for SACOG members will provide an important tool in updating housing elements for all local governments in the SACOG region for the 6th cycle housing element.

Housing element law requires a quantification and analysis of existing housing needs. The SACOG housing element data addresses most of the requirements for quantification of existing housing needs¹ and listing of projects at-risk of converting to market rate uses, including:

- Identification of population and employment trends;
- Household characteristics (i.e., existing households, existing extremely low-income households, total, lower and extremely low-income households overpaying, overcrowded households);
- Special needs (i.e., number of persons with disabilities, number of persons with developmental disabilities, elderly households by tenure, large households by tenure and female headed households); and
- Inventory of at-risk units between 2021 and 2031.

HCD has reviewed the housing element data and determined it meets statutory requirements for the quantification of existing housing needs as described above. The housing element data will not be subject to further HCD review as part of the housing element update process. However, local housing elements must still include or update the requisite analysis of this data as appropriate. For more information on analysis requirements, please see HCD's Building Blocks at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml>.

¹ Local governments must still quantify farmworkers and homeless persons.

HCD appreciates the efforts SACOG, particularly Tina Glover, Demographer, and Greg Chew, Senior Planner, provided in making the data available to streamline the preparation and review of housing elements for local governments in the SACOG region. HCD looks forward to working with SACOG and its members in the update of the housing elements. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 263-7420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with the first name "Paul" and last name "McDougall" written in a cursive-like style.

Paul McDougall
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