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Mr. Mike McKeever
Executive Director
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L. Street, Suite 300
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Dear Mr. McKeever:

RE: Review of Adopted 2013-2021 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting Sacramento Area Council of Governments' (SACOG) Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan adopted on September 20, 2012. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is required to approve RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

The Department is pleased to approve SACOG's adopted RHNA Plan upon finding it consistent with the Department's September 26, 2011 RHNA Determination. SACOG states that its RHNA Plan was developed concurrently with its draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and that the 2035 MTP/SCS Growth Forecast is the foundation of the RHNA for the fifth housing element cycle.

The Department is committed to assisting SACOG and its local governments prepare and implement updated housing elements that effectively address the region's housing need while also developing local land use strategies to maximize land resources and facilitate more transit oriented and compact development patterns. Implementing effective housing elements to encourage affordable housing, a variety of housing types, and infill and transit oriented development is critical to achieving housing, economic and environmental objectives, including goals of Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

The Department commends SACOG's leadership in promoting SB 375 and coordinating development of its RHNA plan with the SCS/MTP. We appreciate the efforts of SACOG staff, especially Mr. Greg Chew, Senior Planner, in completing the RHNA process. If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please contact me or Anda Draghici, Senior Housing Specialist at (916) 445-4728.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora
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