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Mr. Ron Gould, City Manager  
City of Santa Monica  
1685 Main Street, Room 209  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Dear Mr. Gould:

**RE: Review of Santa Monica's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting Santa Monica's housing element adopted December 10, 2013 and received for review on January 6, 2014. 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 (GC, Article 10.6). The Department's review found the adopted element to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's November 1, 2013 review determined met statutory requirements. Housing element compliance can qualify a local government to participate in several State funding programs. Information on funding programs is on the Department's website at [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan\\_grant\\_hcompl011708.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hcompl011708.pdf)

Public participation in the implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. 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 addressing comments where appropriate.

The Department appreciates the efforts and assistance of the City, and particularly Elizabeth Bar-El, Senior Planner, in the preparation and adoption of the housing element. The Department wishes the City of Santa Monica success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 263-7420.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Director

cc: David Martin, Director, Planning and Community Development Department  
Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP, Planning and Community Development Department  
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