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Jennifer Jolley, Director
Community Development Department
County of San Joaquin
1810 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, California 95205

Dear Jennifer Jolley:

**RE: County of San Joaquin's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Draft Amendment to the
Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the County of San Joaquin's (County) draft amendment to the housing element that was received for review on April 23, 2026. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

On August 22, 2025, HCD found the County's housing element in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) and as of this writing, the County continues to comply with State Housing Element Law. This draft amendment does not impact the August 22, 2025 finding of substantial compliance. The element will continue to comply with State Housing Element Law once the amendment has been adopted, submitted, and reviewed by HCD pursuant to 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 County should 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. 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.

Pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, subdivision (b), the County must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD when preparing the sites inventory and submit an electronic version of the sites inventory. While the County has submitted an electronic version of the sites inventory, given the changes, any future re-adopted versions of the element must also submit the electronic version of the sites inventory to sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov.

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 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, 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 element, the County continues to meet housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the County's hard work and diligence during the housing element process and looks forward to receiving the re-adopted element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at Irvin.Saldana@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