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## **RE: Response to Letter of Inquiry - 6th Cycle Housing Element Update**

Dear Ms. Coy,

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 17, 2023, regarding the County of Alameda Housing Element update for the 2023-2031 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle. We are keenly aware of the HCD timeline to submit a compliant Housing Element and of the consequences for not doing so. Your letter describes the rezoning effort we must undertake right away – fortunately, we have a clear plan in place to meet the rezoning deadlines.

We are dedicating several staff to complete the remaining portions of our Housing Element update for us to submit a draft for HCD review. We have been successful in finding sites to meet our substantial RHNA numbers. We believe our finished product has benefitted from all the already-reviewed drafts from other jurisdictions, and the recent data update (AFFH 2.0), providing staff with a better understanding of our communities. We are hopeful this will speed up review by HCD.

We intend to submit a review draft in approximately 30 days. Also, we have been in contact with our HCD reader/reviewer, and communication is good between our offices and yours.

We appreciate State HCD communicating with the County about our Housing Element, and we look forward to submitting a review draft soon. We can meet at your convenience, if more direct communication is needed on any of these matters. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the content of this letter, don't hesitate to get in touch with Elizabeth McElligott of our staff at [elizabeth.mcelligott@acgov.org](mailto:elizabeth.mcelligott@acgov.org).

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