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Cathreen Richards, Director  
Community Development Department  
County of Inyo  
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Dear Cathreen Richards:

**RE: County of Inyo's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element Amendment**

Thank you for submitting the County of Inyo's (County) draft amendment to the adopted housing element that was received for review on May 25, 2023. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

The County's housing element was found in compliance on August 30, 2022. The draft amendment incorporates modifications to the sites inventory and will not negatively impact demonstrating adequate sites to accommodate the regional housing need allocation (RHNA) or the current compliance status of the housing element. Therefore, the element will remain in compliance with State housing element law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) when the draft amendment is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with 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 must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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 Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; 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 meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

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HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication you provided in the preparation of the County's housing element and looks forward to receiving the County's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Shawn Danino, of our staff, at [Shawn.Danino@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Shawn.Danino@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