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Mr. Steven Mendoza
Community Development Director
City of Los Alamitos
3191 Katella Avenue
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Dear Mr. Mendoza:

RE: Review of the City of Los Alamito's Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Los Alamito's revised draft housing element received for review on July 20, 2009 along with additional revisions on August 27, and September 14, 2009. The Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b). The review was facilitated by communications with your consultants, Mr. David Barquist and Ms. Michelle Kou of RBF Consulting.

The Department recognizes the City's efforts to encourage the development of housing for lower-income households through utilization of density bonus, expedited processing and fee waivers. The revised draft housing element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's June 2, 2009 review. For example, the element now demonstrates adequate sites and provides a complete analysis of potential governmental constraints. As a result, the revised draft element will comply with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

The Department appreciates the effort and cooperation provided by Mr. Barquist and Ms. Kou and looks forward to receiving Los Alamito's adopted housing element. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Holder, of our staff, at (916) 323-3180.

Sincerely,

Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director