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Mr. Mike Niblock
Community Development Director
City of Stockton
425 N El Dorado Street
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Dear Mr. Niblock:

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

Thank you for submitting Stockton's revised draft housing element received for review on December 2, 2009 with additional revisions received on January 26 and 28, 2010. The Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b). Communications with Mr. David Stagnaro, Planning Manager, and Mr. Ted Holzem and Ms. Chelsea Norton, the City's consultants of MintierHarnish, facilitated the review.

The Department recognizes Stockton's efforts to promote infill housing in the Greater Downtown Area with programs to establish incentives for infill site assembly and modify zoning and development standards. The revised draft element addresses the statutory requirements described in the Department's September 29, 2009 review. As a result, the revised 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 Messrs. Stagnaro, Holzem, and Ms. Norton during the course of the review and looks forward to receiving Stockton'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