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Ms. Dina Tasini, Manager
Planning Department
City of Martinez
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Dear Ms. Tasini:

RE: City of Martinez's 5th Cycle (2015-2023) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Martinez's draft housing element update that was received for review on March 6, 2015, along with additional revisions received on April 21, 27 and 30, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on April 16, 2015 with you and Mr. Corey Simon, Senior Planner.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The revised element will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when these revisions are adopted and submitted to the Department, in accordance with GC Section 65585(g).

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of January 31, 2015 for ABAG localities. If adopted after this date, GC Section 65588(e)(4) requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit the Department's website at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must 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.

The Department appreciates your hard work and dedication in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Martinez's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Hilda Sousa, of our staff, at (916) 263-1784.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora
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