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Mr. Kenyon Webster, Planning Director  
Department  
City of Sebastopol  
P.O. Box 1776  
Sebastopol, CA 95473

Dear Mr. Webster:

**RE: City of Sebastopol's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2015-2023) Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Sebastopol's revised draft housing element update which was received for review on November 19, 2014, along with additional revisions received on December 29, 2014 and January 13, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a conversation on December 16, 2014 with Ms. Beth Thompson, the City's consultant.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The revised housing 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 our Department's website at: [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he\\_review\\_adoptionsteps110812.pdf](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 the hard work and dedication of Beth Thompson in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Sebastopol's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 263-7425.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen A. Campora".

Glen A. Campora  
Assistant Deputy Director