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Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700
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Dear Executive Director Ajise:

RE: Review of Adopted 2021-2029 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting the adopted Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

HCD completed its review and is pleased to approve SCAG's adopted RHNA Plan, upon finding it consistent with HCD's October 15, 2019 regional housing need determination of 1,341,827 housing units. Please distribute the RHNA Plan to inform all local governments of their share of new housing need to address their sixth cycle Housing Element by October 15, 2021. In updating their Housing Elements, local governments may take RHNA credit for new units approved, permitted, and/or built beginning from the start date of the RHNA projection period, June 30, 2021.

HCD is committed to assisting SCAG's local governments prepare and implement updated Housing Elements to effectively address the region's housing need. Local governments are encouraged to develop local land-use strategies to maximize land resources and encourage affordable housing and a variety of housing types, thus furthering the state's economic, fair housing, and environmental objectives.

We appreciate SCAG's efforts in completing the RHNA process. If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions, please email me at megan.kirkeby@hcd.ca.gov; or contact Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Specialist, by email at tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Kirkeby".

Megan Kirkeby
Deputy Director