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Mr. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

RE: Review of Adopted 2014-2021 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan adopted on October 4, 2012. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65584.05(h), the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is required to approve RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

The Department is pleased to approve SCAG's adopted RHNA Plan upon finding it consistent with the Department's August 17, 2011 RHNA Determination. The Department accepts SCAG's Resolution 12-543-1 adopted October 4, 2012, determining, among other requirements, that its RHNA Plan also meets the requirement of GC Section 65584.04(i)(3) to be consistent with the Sustainable Communities Strategy in the Regional Transportation Plan. Provision 3 of SCAG's Resolution includes a statement that the "Regional Council finds that the Final RHNA is consistent with the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in that the Final RHNA was developed concurrent with SCAG's development of the Integrated Growth Forecast."

The Department is committed to assisting SCAG and its local governments prepare and implement updated housing elements that effectively address the region's housing need while also developing local land use strategies to maximize land resources and facilitate more transit oriented and compact development patterns. Implementing effective housing elements to encourage affordable housing, a variety of housing types, and infill and transit oriented development is critical to achieving housing, economic and environmental objectives, including greenhouse gas emission reduction goals of Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

The Department commends SCAG's leadership in coordinating development of its RHNA plan with its SCS/RTP to improve housing and transportation planning. We appreciate the assistance provided by SCAG staff throughout the RHNA process. If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please contact me or Anda Draghici, Senior Housing Policy Specialist, at (916) 445-4728.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director