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Mr. Michael Frank  
City Manager  
City of Novato  
75 Rowland Way #200  
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Dear Mr. Frank:

**RE: Novato's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2015-2023) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting Novato's housing element adopted November 18, 2014 which was received for review on December 10, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's August 26, 2014 review determined met statutory requirements.

Please note the City now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program, funded by Proposition 1C, provides grant funds to eligible local governments for every qualifying lower income unit permitted since 2010. The HRP Program 2014 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), released December 10, 2014, announced the availability of approximately \$35 million in grant funds to eligible applicants. Applications are due **February 5, 2015**. Further information about the HRP Program is available on the Department's website at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrpp/>.

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication Mr. Hans Grunt, Senior Planner, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department wishes the City of Novato success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the element, please contact Melinda Coy, of our staff, at (916) 263-7425.

Sincerely,

Glen A. Campora  
Assistant Deputy Director