January 20, 2023

State Department of Housing and Community Development  
C/O Land Use and Planning Unit  
2020 W. El Camino Ave, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
HousingElements@hcd.ca.gov

Re: Submittal of San Mateo County’s Initial Draft 2022-2031 Housing Element

The County of San Mateo is pleased to submit its initial draft update of the 2022-2031 Housing Element of the County’s General Plan to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This is a draft update, and has not been adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.

The County looks forward to working with HCD on review, revision and ultimate adoption of the updated Housing Element, and to continuing the County’s long-standing work in assessing and addressing the needs of the unincorporated County, San Mateo County as a whole, and the greater region.

The draft Housing Element was circulated for public review for at least 30 days pursuant to the requirements of AB 215 beginning on November 16, 2022, and ending on December 18, 2022. Availability of the draft Housing Element was advertised through local newspapers, through social media, through the County’s websites, and through broad email notification to interested parties, stakeholders, and others. The Housing Element was subsequently amended in response to public comment prior to this submittal.

The County appreciates HCD’s consideration of the Housing Element, and looks forward to receiving HCD’s findings pursuant to Government Code Sections 65585(b)(1) and 65585(b)(3). Please let us know at your earliest convenience any other information or materials that may be useful or necessary in assessing the County’s draft Housing Element, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments during the course of your review: wgibson@smcgov.org, 1-628-222-3082.

Sincerely,
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County of San Mateo Planning and Building Department

Attachments:  
Draft Updated 2022-2031 San Mateo County Housing Element