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Mr. Carlos Yamzon  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Yamzon:

**RE: Review of Adopted 2014-2023 Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan**

Thank you for submitting the Stanislaus Council of Governments (Stan COG) Fifth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan adopted on June 18, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

The Department completed its review and is pleased to approve Stan COG's adopted RHNA Plan upon finding it consistent with the Department's September 30, 2013 RHNA Determination of 21,330 housing unit need. Please distribute the RHNA Plan to all local governments to inform of their share of new housing need to address in their fifth cycle housing elements due by December 31, 2015 and covering the 8-year planning period, between 2015 and 2023. Please note that, in updating their housing elements, the local government authorized to permit and report to the Department of Finance (DOF) a particular residential development may take RHNA credit for new units approved, permitted, and/or built since the start date of the RHNA projection period, January 1, 2014.

The Department is committed to assisting Stan COG's local governments prepare and implement updated housing elements to effectively address the region's housing need. As such, a housing element data package was prepared and is made available to the local governments to assist with the update of the housing element as of the date of this letter. Local governments are encouraged to develop local land use strategies to maximize land resources and encourage affordable housing and a variety of housing types, including infill and transit oriented development, thus furthering the State's economic and environmental objectives, including goals of Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008).

We appreciate Stan COG efforts in completing the RHNA efforts, especially Ms. Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director, and Mr. Jaylen French, Associate Planner, as well as Ms. Chelsey Norton-Payne, Project Manager of Mintier Harnish. If you have any questions, please contact Anda Draghici, Senior Housing Policy Specialist at (916) 263-2911.

Sincerely,

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