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**RE: RIVERSIDE COUNTY MID-CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT 2017-2021**

Dear Ms. Bates:

The County of Riverside is pleased to submit a draft of the mid-cycle Housing Element 2017-2021 for review. This Housing Element reports progress on the County's plan for addressing the housing needs of county residents through October 15, 2021.

The mid-cycle Housing Element is an amendment to the 2013-2021 comprehensive Housing Element update (adopted December 2016). The 2013-2021 document included comprehensive revisions to the County's 8-year action plan programs. Because the 2013-2021 Housing Element is still current, the focus of the mid-cycle update was on providing updated data using the 2010-2014 American Community Survey; no land use, dwelling unit allocation, or policy changes were made. The draft 2017-2021 element was made available to the public three weeks prior to this submittal.

The County is committed to working with the California Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure the mid-cycle Housing Element obtains certification to maintain the County's eligibility for grant funding programs, to ensure the legal adequacy of the General Plan, and to preserve local control of land use decisions.

To assist with your review, we have enclosed the completeness checklist. We look forward to hearing from your office. If you have any questions regarding the draft mid-cycle Housing Element, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916)-231-3367 or [cwalsh@mbakerintl.com](mailto:cwalsh@mbakerintl.com) or Robert Flores with the County at (951) 955-1195 or [rflores@rivco.org](mailto:rflores@rivco.org).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Robert Flores, Riverside County  
Attached: Draft Housing Element 2017-2021  
Housing Element Checklist

