



November 8, 2022

Abraham Prado, Assistant Planning Director
County of San Benito Resource Management Agency
2301 Technology Parkway
Hollister CA 95023

RE: Submittal of Final San Benito County 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

Dear Mr. Prado:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has approved the Council of San Benito County Governments' (COG) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan, marking the final step of an one-and-a-half-year collaborative process.

HCD's approval comes after action by the COG Board of Director's adoption of the final RHNA, which occurred on October 20, 2022. HCD requires the San Benito region to plan for and revise local zoning to accommodate 5,005 additional housing units during the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 period. The approved final RHNA plan distributes this requirement among the region's cities and county. Each jurisdiction in San Benito County is allocated a share of the housing need by income category. The County of San Benito's RHNA allocation is 754 units, see attached RHNA Plan for more details. HCD approval initiates the process by local governments in preparing and implementing updated Housing Elements.

COG extends an appreciation to County staff for their participation in the RHNA Working Group and attendance at the COG meetings when the RHNA was discussed.

Should you have any questions about this submittal, please feel free to contact me at (831) 637-7665, Ext 206.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Veronica Lezama".

Veronica Lezama
Transportation Planning Manager

Enclosure:

1. Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan
2. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Approval Letter

Council of San Benito County Governments (COG)

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