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The Honorable Connie Leyva
California State Senate, District 20
State Capitol, Rm 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814
VIA Email: connie.leyva@sen.ca.gov

RE: Request for Housing Element Workshop Participation

Dear Senator Leyva:

I am writing to request your participation at the Chino City Council Housing Element Update Workshop, scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 from 4 – 6 p.m. On March 2, the City Council and community received a status report on Chino's 6th cycle Housing Element update. As you are aware, the process requires the City to complete its 2021-2029 Housing Element, which must then be approved and certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by October 2021.

At the workshop, we will be reviewing the attached Sites Analysis map, which identifies proposed affordable housing sites that allow up to 30 dwelling units per acre. This density is necessary for the City to meet the 3,388 affordable housing units in the low and very low-income categories required by the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the 2021-2029 Housing Element. In reviewing and discussing the identified sites, it is evident that significant obstacles abound.

It is not only that the mandated allocation erodes local control, but that related laws and policies are at odds with the housing requirements and hinder our community's ability to ensure that the 6,959 units required to accommodate growth by income category are actually built. For example, while our Housing Element must provide sites to accommodate this estimated growth, there is no guarantee or requirement that developers adhere to the income categories imposed on us by RHNA.



We believe that it is important for our State representatives to interface with the Chino community about these requirements. Given that you represent our residents in the legislature, where the applicable laws and mandates originated, we ask that you participate in the workshop. Your insight on the issue and engagement in implementing State requirements are needed. We look forward to your participation. If you are unable to attend in person, we will be happy to facilitate your virtual participation. Kindly ask your scheduler to contact Rita Pro at 909-334-3305 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Chino Sites Analysis Map

cc: Marc Lucio, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Chino
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