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City's Housing Element Gains Full State Certification

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino is thrilled to receive State certification for its Housing Element. The Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) notified the City via a letter dated September 4, 2024 that the adopted housing element is in full compliance with the State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 *et seq.*).

This achievement marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to providing affordable housing opportunities, fostering inclusive communities, and addressing the diverse housing needs of our residents.

The State of California requires cities to review their Housing Element every eight years to ensure that each city can effectively achieve its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). To meet this requirement, the City of Cupertino must plan for the development of at least 4,588 new housing units.

"I'm thrilled to announce that Cupertino's Housing Element has officially been certified by the State.", said Cupertino Mayor Sheila Mohan. "This is a tremendous achievement that reflects the dedication and hard work of our City staff. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, including our community partners, and my fellow councilmembers for their collaboration and input that were vital in shaping this plan. Together, we've laid a strong foundation for the future of housing in our city, ensuring that we can provide affordable, and sustainable homes for our current and future residents."

The three-year planning process included analysis by the City's Community Development Department, City Manager's Office, and City Attorney's Office, as well as extensive engagement with residents through townhalls, public meetings, and other outreach efforts.

More information is available on the <u>City's Website</u>. HCD's letter to the City can be <u>viewed here</u>.