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Honorable Jeff Grover
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Dear Mr. Grover:

SUBJECT: County of Stanislaus, California
Annual Community Assessment
Program Years 2007, 2008 and 2009

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) annually reviews the performance of communities managing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program funds. A principal tool utilized by HUD-CPD is the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which is submitted to the Department within 90 days of the completion of each Program Year (PY). The CAPER describes the implementation of HUD programs, other resources and the community's progress toward meeting specific goals, measurable objectives and outcomes as reflected in its Five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan (AAP). This letter is written to convey the results of the HUD-CPD review of the PY 2007, 2008 and 2009 CAPERs.

During the three-year period under review, the County received a total of \$7,501,178 in CDBG funding. The County continued to expend CDBG funds in compliance with program requirements, expending all funds on eligible activities that primarily benefited low- and moderate-income persons. The County implemented programs to achieve its goals as laid out in the Consolidated Plan and AAP by using CDBG funds for infrastructure improvement in low- and moderate-income areas and by providing public service grants to non-profit service providers.

In PY 2009, the County completed its fifth year as an ESG grantee. During the three-year review period, the County received a total of \$329,081 in ESG funds. The County distributed ESG funds to non-profit partners to meet the goals and objectives contained in the Consolidated Plan and AAP.

The County also continued to participate as a member of the Turlock HOME Consortium, which is administered by the City of Turlock.

The period of PY 2007-2009 represented the first three years in the County's 5-year Consolidated Plan. Overall, the County demonstrated an effort to address the priority needs described in the Consolidated Plan and AAP, making significant progress toward or surpassing goals for homeowner assistance, infrastructure improvements, and certain public services. However, the County has yet to make progress toward other five-year goals, including goals pertaining to senior affordable rental housing, economic development, and programs to meet the special needs of youth aging out of foster care. The County should be mindful over the next two PYs of taking the necessary steps to meet its five-year goals.

Based upon our review of the CAPERs, and other available information, we have determined that the County effectively utilized CDBG, ESG and other public resources to meet its affordable housing and community development objectives and has the ongoing capacity to administer these Federally-funded programs.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Stanislaus County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (415) 489-6572, or your CPD Representative, Curt Klaus, at (415) 489-6599.

Sincerely,



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