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Honorable Dick Monteith
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Dear Mr. Monteith:

SUBJECT: County of Stanislaus, California
Annual Community Assessment (ACA)
Program Year 2011

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) annually reviews the performance of each jurisdiction covered by the Consolidated Plan Final Rule, which is codified at 24 CFR Part 91. Each jurisdiction covered by this part has an approved consolidated plan and manages funds made available under one or several programs administered by HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Stanislaus County manages funds made available under the CDBG and ESG programs.

An important tool utilized by HUD to review performance is the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Each jurisdiction that has an approved Consolidated Plan must submit a CAPER to HUD within 90 days after the close of its program year to report on the progress it has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. Another important tool is the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), which is the management information system used to drawdown funds and to record the results of funded activities. Finally, HUD considers other available information, such as the results of on-site monitoring visits.

The County's 2011 CAPER and IDIS indicate that CDBG and ESG funds were used during the 2011 program year for activities that were consistent with the priorities and specific objectives identified in the County's strategic plan and its action plans. 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 distributed ESG funds to non-profit partners to meet the goals and objectives contained in the Consolidated Plan and AAP.

The County also submitted an amendment to its Consolidated Plan adding two Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas: the Airport, and Parklawn Neighborhoods. The County's strategies were developed, and will be implemented with the participation of other public bodies, community organizations, and residents of the area. The strategies are directed at improving the physical, environmental, and social infrastructure of the neighborhoods, creating

new affordable housing, and creating employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for residents of each area.

Based on our review of the City's 2011 CAPER, IDIS, and other available information, we have determined that the County has the continuing capacity to manage its CDBG, and ESG funds and is working towards the statutory goals of developing viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Cremer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Cremer
Director,
Community Planning
and Development Division

cc: Angela Freitas, Deputy Director