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May 4, 2021

Via Email

The Honorable Janet Nguyen  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4153  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Notice of Support for AB 1258**

Dear Assemblymember Nguyen:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AB 1258, which would subject the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) final determination of a region's housing needs, or a final regional housing needs plan, to judicial review.

Current law requires local governments to prepare and adopt general plans for their jurisdiction that contains certain mandatory elements, including the locality's share of the regional housing need allocation (RHNA). HCD, in consultation with the regional council of governments, determines each region's existing and projected housing needs. Once that determination is made by HCD, the council of governments may object to the determination, and the department is required to respond to an objection by making a final written determination.

Previous state law provided judicial review for challenges to HCD's final housing needs determination or a regional council of government's final regional housing needs plan, but was removed with a 2004 law. AB 1258 seeks to reinstate this judicial review. This process would provide for independent review and analysis of the findings and final determinations made by the HCD and regional council of governments, which Rancho Palos Verdes supports.

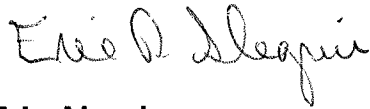
Given the significant impact that a housing element has on local governments' planning and development, it seems reasonable that there should be the opportunity for judicial review of these decisions. Therefore, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AB 1258.

**Assemblymember Nguyen**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric D. Alegria".

**Eric Alegria**

Mayor

cc: David Chiu, Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
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