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Dear Ms. McCoy:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65302.5(b) the City of Riverside is pleased to submit for review the Draft Public Safety Element, which is being updated concurrently with the City's Housing Element, Environmental Justice Policies, and related rezoning effort. Fire Captain Steven "Brian" Barkley assisted with a preliminary review of the Draft Public Safety Element and provided valuable feedback and recommended language to ensure that the document meets the minimum requirements intended to protect the community from unreasonable risk of wildfire.

The Draft Housing Element, Public Safety Element, Environmental Justice Policies, Draft Environmental Impact Report, and other related documents will be considered by the Planning Commission on September 9, 2021 and by City Council on October 5, 2021. Based on conversations with Captain Barkley, we are anticipating the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to consider the City's Public Safety Element at the September hearing, with a determination prior to the City Council hearing.

Please find attached with this letter the Draft Public Safety Element, Draft Public Safety Element Technical Background Report, and an Action Plan which includes action items related to the Public Safety Element as well as other General Plan elements. A copy of the BOF General Plan Safety Element Assessment provided by Captain Barkley has also been attached for reference.

We look forward to the Board's decision and are happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information as needed.

Respectfully,

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