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Dear Councilmembers,

CC-6, the Annual Report of the Status of the General Plan, should not only be approved but should be widely celebrated as the final step in a very long journey. The 6th Cycle of the Housing Element has probably been the most difficult to complete to date given the non-stop barrage of new legislation from Sacramento. The staff of the Planning Division pulled off a minor miracle in getting Monrovia's plan certified from the California Department of Housing and Community Development in late December. The last time I checked, 245 out of 539 jurisdictions in California including 46 cities out of 89 in Los Angeles are still out of compliance. Numerous neighboring cities including Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, Monterey Park, San Marino, South El Monte, South Pasadena and West Covina have yet to have their Housing Element approved. Congratulations and huzzah to the planning team! I look forward to implementation phase of the plan.

Sincerely,

Brian Yamaguchi