

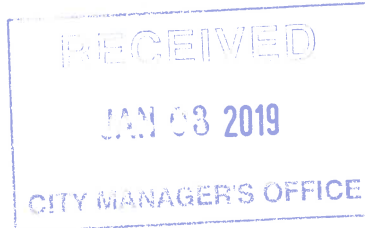
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December 30, 2019

Steve Carrigan
City Manager
City of Merced
678 W 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340

**RE: 2019 Planning Grants Program Award**

Dear Steve Carrigan:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce that the City of Merced has been approved for funding under the SB 2 Planning Grants Program (Program). The Department has determined that the application submitted in response to the Notice of Funding Availability released on March 28, 2019, meets Program requirements. This letter, therefore, constitutes a conditional commitment of an award in the amount of \$310,000.

The Program reflects the state's commitment to work in partnership with local governments to address California's critical housing needs. Local governments are using the grant awards to accelerate housing production by streamlining the approval of affordable housing and promoting development consistent with the state's planning priorities, among other related activities.

Congratulations on your successful application. Staff will be contacting you shortly to initiate the process of preparing the Standard Agreement for fund distribution. For further information, please contact John Buettner at (916) 263-1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Zachary Olmstead
Deputy Director