



November 7, 2012

Mr. Brian Cochran, Finance Manager  
City of Novato  
75 Rowland Way, Suite 200  
Novato, CA 94952

Dear Mr. Cochran:

Subject: Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179.6 (c), the City of Novato Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an oversight board approved Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund Due Diligence Review (DDR) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 11, 2012. The purpose of the review was to determine the amount of cash and cash equivalents available for distribution to the affected taxing entities. Pursuant to HSC section 34179.6 (d), Finance has completed its review of your DDR, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Based on our review, Finance made no adjustments to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) balance available for allocation to the affected taxing entities. As a result, there are no unencumbered LMIHF balances available for distribution.

Pursuant to HSC section 34167.5 and 34178.8, the California State Controller's Office (Controller) has the authority to claw back assets that were inappropriately transferred to the city, county, or any other public agency. Determinations outlined in this letter and Finance's Housing Assets Transfer letter dated August 31, 2012 do not in any way eliminate the Controller's authority.

Please direct inquiries to Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor or Mindy Patterson, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

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Local Government Consultant

cc: Ms. Cathy Capriola, Assistant City Manager, City of Novato  
Mr. Roy Given, Director of Finance, Marin County Auditor Controller  
California State Controller's Office