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To: Christina Taylor, City of Beaumont  
From: LWC  
Date: 7/16/21  
Subject: Housing Element Update Change Order Request – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

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As we discussed on our June 28, 2021 call, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued new guidelines for the suitable analyses for affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) as a requirement for certification of Housing Elements in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle. These new requirements are significantly more detailed and extensive than had been anticipated prior to the issuance of this guidance.

Before these HCD guidelines were issued, it was expected that programs and activities to support fair housing would need to be specified as part of the policy and program recommendations, along with some considerations related to housing sites selection. HCD is now requiring the inclusion of a separate, extensive appendix in the Housing Element with specified spatial and quantitative analysis of the conditions of protected classes. This will be a new requirement for certification.

WRCOG has offered the City assistance with the AFFH analysis and has produced some maps for the AFFH appendix. LWC has reviewed the AFFH maps that WRCOG provided for the City via Houseal Lavigne. While these maps are extremely helpful, LWC will still need to prepare an analysis of the data, document findings, and develop programs to meet the HCD guidelines.

In order to complete this task, LWC is requesting the following augmentation to our existing scope and budget:

- 1) \$11,880 to cover 72 LWC staff hours at an average rate of \$165/hour to cover the cost of production of an AFFH appendix for the City of Beaumont.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this change order request.