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ATTENTION: Arnold Sison, HUD CPD Representative  
Laurie Baker, Grants & Program Manager/County of Santa Barbara

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SANTA MARIA REQUEST TO REJOIN THE SANTA  
BARBARA COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM**

This letter is a formal request by the City of Santa Maria to rejoin the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium. Up until a little over a year ago, the City had been participating in the HOME Program as part of the County Consortium since 1995.

The City originally joined the Consortium because it did not qualify at that time as a HOME Participating jurisdiction on its own. With Santa Maria being the most populous city in Santa Barbara County, two years ago the City opted to leave the Consortium with the hopes of qualifying as a HOME Participating jurisdiction. HUD Headquarters calculated the City's eligibility and found that the City is still not eligible to receive entitlement funds from HOME. As a result of HUD's determination, the City would like to rejoin the County's HOME Consortium, beginning with program year July 2018 (the third year in the current three-year Consortium period) so that it can provide affordable housing opportunities to its residents.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you need additional information, please contact me at (805) 925-0951, extension 2381 or by email at [rnarez@cityofsantamaria.org](mailto:rnarez@cityofsantamaria.org). We look forward to your response.

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