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The Honorable Sharon T. Goodman
Mayor, City of Arcadia
Post Office Box 351
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Dear Mayor Goodman:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department has completed its preliminary and final review of the adopted second round Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) for the City of Arcadia, adopted on June 2, 2009, by Resolution No. 2009-10. The Department has determined that the EAR is sufficient, as defined in Subsection 163.3191(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.). The City of Arcadia may proceed with the adoption of plan amendments in addition to EAR-based amendments.

The City of Arcadia EAR makes progress in evaluating the comprehensive plan as part of the EAR process. The EAR identified important planning issues in the City, based on public involvement through community workshops and public meetings. The Department requests that for the purposes of the EAR-based amendments and any increases in development capacity through Future Land Use Map amendments, the population projections methodology should be sent to the Department for approval pursuant to Rule 9J-5.005(2)(e), F.A.C.

Please note that a formal sufficiency determination does not constitute a compliance review of the proposed amendments identified in the Report. Amendments referenced in the Report will be reviewed for consistency with Chapter 163, Part II, F.S. and Rule 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), when submitted as proposed amendments.

Department staff is available to provide any needed assistance to the City as it prepares EAR-based amendments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Tom Tumminia, Planner, Division of Community Planning, at (850) 922-1824.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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cc: Mr. Ed Strube, City of Arcadia Administrator
Ms. Patricia Steed, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council