

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

REQUEST: RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2485: RHNA
TRANSPARENCY REFORM ACT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify issuance of a letter of support for Assembly Bill 2485: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Transparency Reform Act.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At the request of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs authorized immediate issuance of a letter of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 2485 due to consideration of AB 2485 at the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development meeting held on April 17, 2024. The League of California Cities supports the proposed legislation.

AB 2485 would establish procedures for the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to post its data, analyses, and methodology used in the developing a given region's RHNA Determination on its internet website. Secondly, it would require HCD to convene a panel of experts to provide advisory feedback on HCD's data, analyses, and methodology. The panel would include an expert in the region's demographics, a US Census Bureau-affiliated practitioner, and a representative of the Council of Governments (COG) in question.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support
2. AB 2485 Fact Sheet