

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: April 24, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 650  
(PAPAN): HOUSING ELEMENT AND REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS  
ALLOCATION

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the issuance of a letter of support for AB 650 (Papan): Housing Element and Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

On April 14, 2025, the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) issued an Action Alert requesting city support for AB 650 (Papan), which will be heard in the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development on April 24, 2025. The deadline to submit letters for inclusion in the committee analysis was April 16. The ad hoc City Council Subcommittee on Legislative Affairs, consisting of Mayor Harnik and Mayor Pro Tem Trubee, approved issuance of a letter of support for AB 650.

AB 650, sponsored by Cal Cities, aims to improve the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and Housing Element update process by addressing challenges experienced during the 6th RHNA cycle. The bill allows local governments to begin updates six months early and requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific text and analysis when identifying deficiencies, thereby improving clarity, fairness, and compliance timelines.

## **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. AB 650 Text
2. Letter of Support for AB 650