

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2026

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1708
(SOLACHE) – HHAP PATHWAYS FOR CITIES ACT

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the issuance of the letter supporting Assembly Bill 1708 (Solache) - Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Pathways for Cities Act.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On February 11, 2026, the City submitted a letter supporting Assembly Bill 1708 (Solache), which relates to Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program.

AB 1708 would require Continuums of Care receiving HHAP Round 7 funds to provide a 30-day application period exclusively for cities with populations under 300,000 and to allocate funding to eligible smaller jurisdictions that meet specified requirements. To qualify, a city must adopt a resolution committing to its regionally coordinated homelessness action plan following a public hearing, maintain a compliant housing element, adopt a local encampment policy consistent with state guidance, and demonstrate prior actions supporting HHAP objectives.

Support of AB 1708 does not obligate the City to apply for funding or to adopt any additional policies at this time. The procedural requirements described above would apply only if the City later elects to pursue HHAP Round 7 funding.

In accordance with Resolution No. 2025-020, Mayor Trubee and Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto reviewed and approved the letter in advance of formal ratification by the City Council.

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 1708 Bill Text

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AWARENESS CHECKLIST:

- Site-Specific Property Interest** – Councilmembers should check if they own or lease real property within 1,000 feet of the project site (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).

- SB 1439 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)** – Applies to licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use, and to contracts or franchise agreements other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

Applicant(s)/Appellant(s): Not Applicable

Councilmembers should review any campaign contributions received within the last 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision (Gov. Code § 84308).

Note: These indicators are informational and do not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember is responsible for identifying and disclosing any disqualifying interests in accordance with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations.