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The Honorable José Luis Solache
California State Assembly
1020 N Street, Room 5110
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1708 (Solache) HHAP Pathways for Cities Act — SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Solache:

The City of Palm Desert is pleased to support AB 1708 (Solache), which would create a defined opportunity for cities with populations under 300,000 to apply for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program funding through their local Continuum of Care (CoC).

Under current law, HHAP provides direct funding to counties, large cities, and CoCs. Cities with fewer than 300,000 residents do not receive direct allocations and may access funds only if selected as subrecipients. AB 1708 would require CoCs, prior to allocating funds to other subrecipients, to accept applications from cities with populations under 300,000 that meet specified eligibility requirements for a limited period.

Palm Desert participates in regional efforts to address homelessness and works with Riverside County, the local CoC, and nonprofit service providers. The City also allocates local resources to address homelessness-related impacts in the community.

Providing cities with fewer than 300,000 residents with a formal opportunity to apply for HHAP funding would allow Palm Desert to pursue additional resources to support local and regional efforts, subject to eligibility and award criteria.

For these reasons, the City of Palm Desert respectfully supports AB 1708 (Solache).

Sincerely,

Evan Trubee
Mayor, City of Palm Desert

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Assembly Member Greg Wallis
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