



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 9i

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Date: February 16, 2026

From: Lisa K. Goldman, City Manager – (650) 558-7243

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Send a Letter to State Legislators in Support of AB 1708, the Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Pathway for Cities Act

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to send the attached letter to the relevant State Legislators in support of AB 1708, the Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Pathway for Cities Act.

BACKGROUND

AB 1708 (Solache) is a Cal Cities-sponsored bill that provides a consistent pathway for all cities to access state homelessness funding. AB 1708 is awaiting a committee assignment and will be heard this spring.

DISCUSSION

According to Cal Cities, AB 1708 creates a new opportunity for all cities to access the state's flagship homelessness grant program, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant program.

Since 2019, the HHAP program has provided direct and flexible funding to cities with populations over 300,000, all 58 counties, and the 44 Continuums of Care (CoC) across California. The other 469 California cities with populations under 300,000 do not currently have a guaranteed or consistent pathway to access these critical funds. AB 1708 would require CoCs to accept applications from eligible small and medium-sized cities that meet clear accountability requirements before allocating funding to other subrecipients in the region.

More information about AB 1708 is included in the attached fact sheet.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Exhibits:

- Resolution
- Draft Letter
- Fact Sheet