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**TO:** CITY OF CUPERTINO  
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

**FROM:** ANTHONY, JASON, AND PAUL GONSALVES

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER ADOPTING A POSITION ON AB 1708 (SOLACHE)  
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION  
(HHAP) PROGRAM: ROUND 7

**DATE:** APRIL 6, 2026

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**Bill Information:**

The official text of AB 1708 can be found [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

**Summary:**

AB 1708 expands access to state homelessness funding by creating a new pathway for cities under 300,000 in population to receive funding through the HHAP program. The bill requires Continuums of Care to allocate funding to smaller cities and mandates that they set aside funds and accept applications from these jurisdictions. It also establishes a dedicated 30-day priority application period during which only eligible cities may apply.

The bill applies to Round 7 of the HHAP program, which includes \$500 million in statewide funding. To qualify, cities must meet several requirements, including maintaining a compliant Housing Element, adopting a local encampment policy, participating in a regional homelessness action plan, and demonstrating progress toward reducing homelessness. The measure also strengthens regional coordination by requiring alignment with Continuum of Care planning and broader regional strategies.

For cities, AB 1708 provides significant benefits. It creates equitable access to state homelessness funding, reduces reliance on local general fund expenditures, and

<sup>1</sup>[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260AB1708](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1708)

supports the expansion of local homelessness programs and services. It also promotes stronger regional coordination and accountability.

**Support:**

Support has been expressed by the League of California Cities (sponsor) and the cities of Palo Alto, Glendora, Paramount, Beverly Hills, and Bell.

**Opposition:**

Since AB 1708 has not yet been set for hearing, an official list of opponents is not yet available.

**Status:**

AB 1708 has been referred to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

**Legislative Platform:**

This bill falls under Cupertino's 2026 Legislative Platform in the Homelessness section Page 6, Item #1, "Support legislation that provides funding to create pathways to permanent housing and supportive services."

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt a support position on AB 1708 and authorize the Mayor to send letters to the state legislature.