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March 16, 2026

Assemblymember Matt Haney  
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 156  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1708 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Haney,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1708, which provides small and medium-sized cities with much-needed state funding to support unhoused residents in their communities.

Homelessness remains one of the state's most urgent challenges, [impacting](#) more than 187,000 Californians. AB 1708 directly addresses this crisis by unlocking funding from the state's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Grant Program for cities with a population under 300,000. Specifically, the bill will create a new pathway for [469 cities](#) to apply for critical dollars that can go towards sustaining long-term strategies to reduce homelessness and support essential services in their communities, such as shelters, outreach, temporary housing, and encampment response. As an organization, CCCA has consistently advocated for ongoing state funding to support cities' homeless housing and services for many years. As a result, we are pleased to see Assemblymember Solache introduce this bill, and are confident that the legislation will help cities advance local homelessness solutions that consider unique challenges in their communities.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of AB 1708.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee