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April 20, 2026

Assemblymember Alex Lee
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street, Room 122
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1708 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Lee,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1708, which requires a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan developed for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 8 to outline funding opportunities for smaller jurisdictions.

Homelessness remains one of the state's most urgent challenges, [impacting](#) more than 187,000 Californians. For many years the state's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Grant Program has provided funding to counties and cities with a population over 300,000 to prevent and reduce homelessness in their communities. This bill now aims to ensure smaller cities also have access to much-needed funding. By requiring HHAP recipients' homelessness action plans to include a transparent and publicly available process through which smaller jurisdictions may access Round 8 funding, this bill will unlock new opportunities for smaller cities to receive dollars and coordinate with HHAP recipients on addressing homelessness. 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 Human Services Committee