

March 10, 2026

The Honorable José Luis Solache
California State Assembly
1020 N St. Rm. 5110
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1708 (Solache) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Pathways for Cities Act
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced 2/4/2026)*

Dear Assembly Member Solache,

The City of Redondo Beach is pleased to support AB 1708 (Solache), which would finally provide cities under 300,000 residents with a clear and equitable pathway to access state homelessness funding. Since 2019, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program has provided direct allocations only to large cities, counties, and Continuums of Care (CoCs), leaving most cities, including Redondo Beach, without consistent access to these critical resources despite substantial local investments.

AB 1708 would allow the 469 smaller cities across California to apply for HHAP funding through their CoC, with a 30-day application window reserved exclusively for these cities. This ensures fair access while maintaining accountability through regional coordination and compliance with state housing and encampment policies. The bill also prioritizes cities that have demonstrated leadership through partnerships and local investment, ensuring state dollars are directed where they can be most effective.

Redondo Beach would benefit significantly from additional state funding. The City is prepared to expand its pallet shelter program, invest in permanent affordable housing opportunities for families, and sustain both the ACR outreach program and the Homeless Court programs, which have proven essential in helping individuals stabilize and transition out of homelessness.

The City has built a comprehensive homelessness response system that includes 20 pallet shelters, 19 SRO beds, participation in Project Moonstone, a functioning Homeless Court, the ACR outreach program, and a dedicated Housing Navigation Team. These efforts support the City's commitment to achieving functional zero. Redondo Beach



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has also made significant local investments, including funding two full-time Housing Navigators and a Quality of Life Prosecutor who works collaboratively with outreach teams, service providers, and law enforcement to address homelessness, housing, and crime through a balanced, problem-solving approach.

As the state considers future investments in HHAP, it is essential that all cities, regardless of size, have a meaningful opportunity to participate. AB 1708 strengthens regional collaboration and ensures state resources reach communities actively working to reduce homelessness. For these reasons, the City of Redondo Beach is pleased to support AB 1708 (Solache). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at James.Light@redondo.org.

Sincerely,

James A. Light

Mayor, City of Redondo Beach