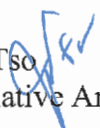


REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: April 16, 2026

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst

Council File No.: 26-0002-S19
Assignment No.: 26-03-0209

SUBJECT: Resolution (Jurado – Yaroslavsky) to Oppose AB 1708 (Solache).

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution (Jurado – Yaroslavsky) to include in the City's 2025-2026 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION for AB 1708 which would de-prioritize critical HHAP Round 7 funding away from large jurisdictions and jeopardize the stability of the City's homeless response programs.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Jurado – Yaroslavsky) was introduced on March 13, 2026 and states that the City is committed to ending the humanitarian crisis of homelessness through a comprehensive strategy of interim housing, permanent supportive housing, and street outreach. The Resolution states that the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program has been crucial to ending homelessness.

AB 1708 (Solache), also called the HHAP Pathways for Cities Act, seeks to mandate that the next round of HHAP funding prioritize funds for jurisdictions with population under 300,000.

The Resolution recommends that the City oppose AB 1708 inasmuch as it would de-prioritize critical HHAP Round 7 funding away from large jurisdictions and jeopardize the stability of the City's homeless response programs.

BACKGROUND


On February 4, 2026, Assembly member José Luis Solache introduced AB 1708 which would create pathways for small and medium-sized cities (less than 300,000 population) to access state homelessness funding to support work they are doing to address people experiencing homelessness in their jurisdictions. The Bill would create opportunities for 469 cities in the State with a population under 300,000 to apply for the State's HHAP Grant through their Continuum of Care (CoC).

The Bill originally intended to have the HHAP Round 7 process to provide a carve out for smaller cities to receive the HHAP grant received by CoCs. The bill has since been amended to apply to funding available under HHAP Round 8. The amended bill requires a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan, with the participation of smaller jurisdictions, to include programs and interventions by smaller jurisdictions. The bill would authorize a region receiving funding under HHAP Round 8 to allocate a portion of their funding to smaller jurisdictions to support the programs identified by them.

The proposed prioritization in AB 1708 for smaller jurisdictions does not take into consideration the disproportionate concentration of the state's homelessness population in major cities. This lack of consideration and diversion of already limited HHAP funding to smaller jurisdictions threatens to reverse the progress made by the State's larger cities. The City should oppose AB 1708 because it de-prioritizes critical HHAP funding away from cities like Los Angeles and poses a risk to jeopardize the stability of the City's ongoing programs and interventions.

BILL STATUS

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| 02/04/26 | Read first time. To print. |
| 02/23/26 | Referred to Committees on Housing & Community Development and Human Services |
| 03/16/26 | In Committee: Hearing postponed. |
| 04/06/26 | From Committee Chair, with author's amendments: amend, and refer to Committee on Housing & Community Development. |
| 04/07/26 | Re-referred to Committee on Housing & Community Development. |


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Analyst

Attachment: 1. Resolution

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is committed to ending the humanitarian crisis of homelessness through a comprehensive strategy of interim housing, permanent supportive housing, and robust street outreach; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the State of California’s Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program has been crucial to ending homelessness, providing reliable and flexible funding necessary to conduct life-saving interventions; and

WHEREAS, these investments have produced measurable results, wherein, between 2023-2025, the City saw a 17% decrease in unsheltered homelessness, successfully reversing an upward trend; and

WHEREAS, HHAP funding has supported over 3,000 beds across the City, including safe parking and safe sleep sites, outreach services, and hygiene services; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1708 (Solache), introduced on February 4, 2026, seeks to mandate that Continuums of Care prioritize HHAP Round 7 funds for jurisdictions with populations under 300,000; and

WHEREAS, HHAP Round 7 funding has already been reduced statewide from \$1 billion to \$500 million; and

WHEREAS, AB 1708 would further fragment this diminished resource, forcing jurisdictions to compete for limited funds, rather than expanding the total investment required to address homelessness statewide, and requiring the City to further scale back homelessness programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is currently experiencing increased costs from the Alliance Settlement, alongside the structural transformation of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), making the preservation of state funding more vital than ever; and

WHEREAS, the proposed prioritization in AB 1708 ignores the disproportionate concentration of the state’s unsheltered population in major urban centers and threatens to undo progress in the state’s most populous city:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION of AB 1708 (Solache) which would de-prioritize critical HHAP Round 7 funding away from large jurisdictions and jeopardize the stability of the City’s homeless response programs.

PRESENTED BY 
YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

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