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**Assembly Committee on Local Government Passes Senate Bill 5 to Provide Sustainable Funding for Affordable Housing and to Combat Homelessness**

*League of California Cities Supports State-Local Partnership and Says Ongoing Funding is Needed to Fill Void and Subsidize Housing for those Most in Need*

**Sacramento** – The League of California Cities today thanked members of the Assembly Committee on Local Government for passing SB 5 (Beall, McGuire, Portantino) with a 6-0 vote. SB 5 establishes a state partnership with cities and counties to provide an ongoing, sustainable and accountable source of funding that will help build affordable housing to address the housing shortage and homeless crisis.

“In communities throughout the state, cities simply do not have enough affordable housing available to low- and very- low income households. We need more supply and to do that, we need ongoing and sustainable funding,” **said Carolyn Coleman, executive director of the League of California Cities.** “SB 5 creates a much-needed partnership between the state and local governments by providing cities and counties the resources we need to help fund the construction of affordable housing for those particularly vulnerable to homelessness.”

*Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.*

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