

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-10: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-10 **The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** (HUD) provides crucial support through programs like:

- **Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8):** Helps low-income families afford housing.
- **Continuum of Care (CoC)** grants: Funds homelessness services.
- **HOME & CDBG:** Supports affordable housing and community development.

CA Central Valley Housing Snapshot (Stanislaus & Merced Counties) Housing Choice Vouchers Serve:

- 4,900+ households via Stanislaus Housing Authority
- 1,500+ via Merced Housing Authority
- Additional households via other local agencies

CDBG-DR Disaster Recovery Funding:

- \$1.6B+ for CA wildfire/flood recovery
- Millions allocated to Stanislaus & Merced Counties
- Crucial for flood protection in Central Valley River regions
- Supports housing, infrastructure & economic recovery

Affordable Housing Projects:

- **Avena Bella (Turlock):** 80 units
- **540 Merced (Turlock):** 66 units
- **Moon Gate Plaza (Modesto):** 67 units
- **Las Palmas:** 81 units for farmworker families

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

- 6,400+ households depend on vouchers
- Housing ↑ 52% since 2020 | Wages ↑ only 16%

The Impossible Gap:

- Avg. voucher recipient income: \$21,500/year
- Living wage (family of 4): \$45,800/adult/year
- Avg. rent (2-bed): \$1,550/month
- 34% of renters spend 50%+ of income on housing

Impact on District Residents, Vulnerable Populations:

- Most earn <30% of Area Median Income (\$23,800/individual, \$34,000/family of 4)
- 20% of public housing units = disabled residents & 21% = seniors
- Large farmworker population with seasonal income and unique housing needs

Rural & Agricultural Community Needs:

- Few affordable housing options in rural areas
- Transportation challenges increase housing cost burden
- Rising rents = displacement of farmworker families

Time to Take Action!

Threats to HUD Funding Proposed Cuts Include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance & elimination of Section 8 vouchers
- Two-year time limits for “able-bodied” recipients
- \$700M+ cut to homelessness programs
- Shift to state block grants with weaker protections

If Enacted, These Cuts Would:

- Impact 6,400+ voucher-reliant households
- Put \$1.6B+ in recovery funds at risk
- Jeopardize projects like Avena Bella, Moon Gate Plaza
- Increase homelessness for seniors, farmworkers & disabled residents
- Undermine flood protections in high-risk Central Valley areas

Your Voice is Crucial to Protecting HUD Funding! Contact Your U.S. Representatives:

U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Josh Harder: (202) 225-4540 and (209) 579-5458

U.S. Senators:

- Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3553
- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553

Contact Key Committee Members

- House Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee Chair: Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR): (202) 225-4301
- Senate Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee Chair: Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI): (202) 224-3934

Sample Script When Calling:

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in CA-09. I'm calling to urge Representative Harder to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces severe affordable housing shortages and flood risks, especially in our Delta communities. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our communities.

[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY IF YOU HAVE ONE]

Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject proposals to impose time limits or convert programs to block grants. Our communities rely on these programs for stable, affordable housing and protection from flood disasters.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

Protecting housing programs creates stable, vibrant communities that benefit us all.