

# Protect HUD Funding!

## What is HUD and How Does It Help Our Communities?

HUD provides critical housing support through multiple programs:

- **Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)** help low-income families afford decent housing
- **Continuum of Care (CoC) grants** fund homelessness programs and services
- **HOME and CDBG programs** fund affordable housing construction and community development particularly post disasters

## Congressional District 01 Housing By the Numbers

**Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:**

- 2,236 households through Butte County Housing Authority
- 723 households through Shasta County Housing Authority
- 1,601 households through City of Redding Housing Authority

**Disaster Recovery:**

- Over \$317 million in CDBG-DR funds for California's 2018 wildfire recovery
- Shasta County received \$14+ million for Carr Fire recovery (2018)
- Disasters destroyed thousands of homes: Carr Fire (1,600+), Camp Fire (14,000+), Dixie Fire and Park Fire (hundreds more)

**Affordable Housing:**

- Burney Commons: 30-unit complex in Shasta County funded by CDBG-DR
- 75-unit expansion in Redding with 29 units for people with mental illness
- Housing waiting lists receive 10× more applications than available units

## Impact on vulnerable populations in District 01

- **Female-headed households:** Average of 65-75% across housing authorities in the district
- **Seniors:** Approximately 45-50% of voucher recipients district-wide
- **Persons with disabilities:** 40-47% of housing assistance recipients throughout the district
- **Economic challenges:** 65-70% of voucher recipients across the district earn less than 30% of Area Median Income

## Threats to HUD Funding

**Proposed cuts include:**

- 40% reduction in rental assistance funding

# Time to Take Action!

- Elimination of traditional Section 8 voucher program
- Two-year time limits for "able-bodied" recipients
- Block grants to states with fewer federal protections
- \$700+ million cut from homelessness programs

## If funding is reduced:

- Critical mental health housing projects derailed
- Increased homelessness, particularly affecting seniors and people with disabilities

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## Take Action Today!

### Contact Your Representatives

#### U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Doug La Malfa: (202) 225-3076 and (530) 223-5898

#### U.S. Senators:

- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553    Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3841

### 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 California’s 1st District. I’m calling to urge [REPRESENTATIVE’S NAME] to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district has been devastated by multiple wildfires, destroying thousands of homes. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our recovery efforts to build a sufficient supply of affordable housing.

[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 rural communities rely on these programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.”

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