

# Protect HUD Funding!

## PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-03: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

**What is HUD?** Vital Programs for CA-03 **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-03 Housing Needs: The Numbers Speak

- Vouchers: 297 households served in Placer County, plus more in Sutter/Nevada.
- Veterans: 69 HUD-VASH vouchers for homeless veterans in Placer County.
- High Demand: Waiting lists for assistance are 5x longer than available units.

### Disaster Recovery: Rebuilding Our Wildfire -Affected Communities

- Over \$1.68 billion in CDBG-DR funds for California's wildfire recovery.
- CA-03 counties (e.g., Placer, El Dorado - Mosquito Fire 2022) devastated by fires.
- CDBG-DR funds are the ONLY realistic path to rebuilding for many mountain communities.

### Housing Crisis Across Our District Suburban Communities:

- Exploding Costs: Rents up 40% since 2020. Placer County median home price: \$699,000.
- Families earning \$80k-\$100k annually still struggle with median rents.
- Only enough subsidized housing for 1/5 of eligible residents in Placer County.

### Rural Mountain Communities:

- No Affordable Housing: Many areas lack any developments.
- Federal Dependency: Wildfire rebuilding relies entirely on federal aid.
- Tourism economies & vacation rentals reduce long-term housing options.
- Geographic isolation means residents cannot easily relocate if aid disappears.

### Income vs. Housing Affordability Gap (Typical wages are far behind living wage needs):

- Placer: \$36.28/hour needed (Fam of 4). 73% of low-income households spend over HALF their income on housing.
- Nevada: \$31.86/hour needed (Fam of 4). Service workers earn \$15-18/hour, creating an unbridgeable gap.
- El Dorado: \$35.10/hour needed (Fam of 4). Modest 2-bedroom rent requires \$32.61/hour.

### Devastating Impact of Proposed HUD Cuts would severely harm our communities:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance & elimination of traditional Section 8 vouchers.
- Time limits for "able-bodied" recipients (2 years).
- \$700+ million cut from homelessness programs.

### Human Impact If Funding is Reduced:

- Suburban: Hundreds of working families face overcrowding or homelessness.
- Rural: Mountain communities lose housing, risking economic decline & worker displacement.
- Veterans: Dozens face homelessness as VASH vouchers disappear.
- Seniors / Disabled: Residents on fixed incomes forced to choose between housing, food, and medication.

# Time to Take Action!

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

### **U.S. Representative:**

**Rep. Kevin Kiley (CA-03)**

Washington D.C. Office: (202) 225-2523

District Office: (916) 724-2575

Office Address: 2445 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

### **U.S. Senators:**

**Sen. Alex Padilla:** (202) 224-3553

**Sen. Adam Schiff:** (202) 224-3934

## **Contact Key Committee Members (These members play a direct role in funding decisions):**

House Appropriations Transportation - HUD Subcommittee Chair:

**Rep. Steve Womack:** (202) 225-4301

Senate Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee Chair:

**Sen. Brian Schatz:** (202) 224-3934

## **Sample Script When Calling (Remember to personalize your message!):**

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in California's 3rd District. I'm calling to urge [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME] to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district's unique mix of wildfire-devastated rural communities and rapidly growing suburban areas makes HUD funding absolutely critical. In our mountain towns, HUD programs are often the only path to rebuilding after wildfires. In our suburban communities, skyrocketing housing costs have created an affordability crisis even for middle-income families.

[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY OR LOCAL IMPACT - e.g., how HUD has helped someone you know, or how the housing crisis is affecting your community.]

Without these programs, many of our neighbors including: veterans, seniors, and working families will face homelessness despite working full-time. Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject proposals to impose time limits or convert programs to block grants.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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