

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-17: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-17 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-17 Housing By the Numbers**
Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:
 - 19,000+ households through Santa Clara County Housing Authority
 - 2,500+ households through Housing Authority of Alameda County (district portions)
 - 222 Emergency Housing Vouchers for vulnerable families

Community Development & Infrastructure:

- CDBG funds support critical infrastructure and accessibility upgrades throughout the district
- HUD investments in transit-oriented development near Lawrence Caltrain, Milpitas BART, and other stations
- Community development grants for neighborhood revitalization in underserved communities
- Climate resilience planning to address earthquake safety and Bay-area flooding concerns

Affordable Housing Projects:

- Ira D. Hall Square: 176-unit affordable housing complex in Sunnyvale
- Westport Senior Apartments: 267-unit development in Cupertino (179 units for seniors)
- Mary Avenue Project: 40-unit development for people with developmental disabilities
- Housing waiting lists receive 5× more applications than available units

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

- 21,500+ households rely on Housing Choice Vouchers in the district
- Housing costs ↑ 70% since 2020 | Wages ↑ only 20%
- Average 2-bedroom rent: \$3,200/month
- 28% of renters spend over 50% of income on rent

The Impossible Gap

- Average voucher recipient earns: \$22,100/year
- Living wage needed for family of four: \$58,750/year per adult
- Voucher recipients would need to more than double their income

Impact on District Residents - Vulnerable populations:

- Many households earn less than 30% of Area Median Income (\$55,290 for 1 person, \$78,950 for a family of 4)
- Approximately 18% of public housing units are occupied by disabled residents
- Nearly 48% of public housing units are occupied by senior citizens

Silicon Valley Housing Challenges:

- Median home price in district exceeds \$1.5 million (among highest in California)
- Only 1 out of every 805 homes for sale is affordable for middle-income families
- Less than 10% of Black and Hispanic/Latino households can afford median-priced homes
- Extremely limited affordable housing options in Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara, and other cities in the district

Time to Take Action!

Threats to HUD Funding - Proposed Cuts Include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance funding
- 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:

- 21,500+ households would lose housing vouchers in the district
- \$1.6+ billion in disaster recovery funds would be at risk
- Critical affordable housing projects like Ira D. Hall Square and Westport Senior Apartments would be jeopardized
- Homelessness would increase, particularly affecting seniors and people with disabilities
- Economic instability would grow as workers cannot afford to live near employment centers

Take Action Today!

Contact Your Representative:

U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Ro Khanna: (202) 225-2631 | (408) 436-2720

U.S. Senators:

- Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553
- Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3934

Key Committee Members:

- House Appropriations T-HUD Subcommittee Chair: Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR): (202) 225-4301
- Senate Appropriations T-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-17. I'm calling to urge Representative Khanna to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces a severe affordable housing crisis with median home prices exceeding \$1.5 million and rents that have increased 70% since 2020. 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 in our high-cost region.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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