

# Protect HUD Funding!

## PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-09: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

**What is HUD?** Vital Programs for CA-09 **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.

**Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:**

- 4,800+ households via San Joaquin Housing Authority
- 1,200+ via Stanislaus County Housing Authority (partial district)
- Additional households through other local authorities.

**CDBG-DR Disaster Recovery Funding:**

- \$1.6B+ in federal funds for California wildfire/flood recovery
- Millions allocated to San Joaquin County
- Vital for flood protection in Delta communities
- Supports infrastructure, housing & economic revitalization in disaster zones.

**Affordable Housing Projects:**

- **Grand View Village:** 75-unit mixed-use project in Stockton
- **Hunter House:** 74 units for veterans & low-income families
- **Conway Homes:** Multi-phase public housing revitalization
- **Liberty Square:** 68-unit affordable housing complex

**The Housing Crisis in Numbers**

- 6,000+ district households rely on vouchers
- Housing costs ↑ 58% since 2020 | Wages ↑ 17%

**The Impossible Gap:**

- Avg. voucher household income: \$21,850/year
- Living wage for a family of 4: \$46,500/adult/year
- Rent (2-bed avg.): \$1,650/month
- 32% of renters spend 50%+ of income on rent

**Vulnerable Populations:**

- Most earn <30% of Area Median Income (\$24,100/individual, \$34,500/family of 4)
- 19% of public housing residents are disabled
- 22% are senior citizens

**Flood Risk & Resilience:**

- CA-09 includes Delta communities with high flood vulnerability
- Threats from aging levees, extreme weather & sea level rise
- Federal support is essential for levee upgrades & economic stability in agricultural areas

**Proposed Cuts Include:**

- 40% cut to rental assistance
- Elimination of Section 8 vouchers
- Two-year limits for “able-bodied” recipients
- \$700M+ cut from homelessness programs
- Shift to state block grants with fewer protections

# Time to Take Action!

## **If Enacted, These Cuts Would:**

- Jeopardize housing for 6,000+ voucher households
- Put \$1.6B+ in disaster recovery funds at risk
- Threaten key housing projects (Grand View Village, Hunter House)
- Increase homelessness among seniors, veterans & disabled residents
- Undermine flood protection for vulnerable Delta communities

## **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.**