

# Protect HUD Funding!

## PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-15

### 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.

### CA-15 Housing By the Numbers

#### Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:

- **5,203 households** through Housing Authority of San Mateo County
- **2,500 households** through San Francisco Housing Authority (CA-15 neighborhoods)
- **222 Emergency Housing Vouchers** for vulnerable families in San Mateo County
- **Moving to Work program** in San Mateo County helping families with 5-year assistance

**Combined district total: Over 8,000 households depend on Housing Choice Vouchers**

#### Disaster Recovery and Community Development:

- **\$316 million** in state and federal funding for San Mateo County housing (2023)
- **\$18.5 million** in American Rescue Plan Act funds for San Mateo County affordable housing
- **\$55.7 million** investment from SF Mayor's Office for Sunnydale HOPE SF transformation

### Major Affordable Housing Projects:

#### San Mateo County:

- **Belmont Family Apartments:** 125-unit complex funded by **\$9.5 million** in ARPA funds, 20 units for homeless veterans.
- **Half Moon Village:** Senior housing with Project-Based Vouchers in Half Moon Bay
- **Serenity Senior Apartments:** Affordable housing for seniors in East Palo Alto

#### San Francisco (SE neighborhoods):

- **Sunnydale HOPE SF:** Complete transformation of 50-acre public housing site into **1,700 mixed-income homes**, including 775 public housing replacement units and 200 additional affordable units
- **222 affordable units completed** with 75% designated for Sunnydale residents
- **The Hub community center** serving Sunnydale and Visitacion Valley residents
- **\$300,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant** for comprehensive neighborhood transformation

# Time to Take Action!

## Housing Crisis Across Our District

### San Mateo County:

Average asking rent: **\$3,267** per month for 2-bedroom apartment

Income needed to afford rent: **\$62.83 per hour** (3.6× San Mateo minimum wage)

Federal "low income" definition: Family of four earning up to **\$156,650** annually

### San Francisco Neighborhoods (Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, Portola):

Average voucher subsidy needed: **\$2,600** per household (nearly doubled since 2014)

Voucher recipients are mostly **extremely low-income**: **87%** earn less than 30% AMI

Female-headed households: **58%** of SF Housing Authority participants

## VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ACROSS CA-15:

- **Over 25,000 low-income renter households** lack access to affordable housing
- **76%** of extremely low-income households pay over 50% of income on housing
- **83%** of San Mateo voucher recipients earn less than 30% of Area Median Income
- **1,323 beds available** for persons experiencing homelessness (far below need)

### Who Depends on HUD Assistance:

Typical voucher recipient earns only **\$21,412** annually in San Mateo County, while SE San Francisco neighborhoods like Visitacion Valley were historically called "**neglected urban backwater**" by HUD due to decades of disinvestment.

## 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:

- **Over 18,000 households** would lose housing vouchers across CA-15
- **\$300+ million** in housing development funds at risk
- **Critical projects threatened:**
  - 125 affordable units at Belmont Family Apartments could be jeopardized.
  - Sunnydale HOPE SF transformation serving 1,700 families at risk.
  - 222 Emergency Housing Voucher recipients would face homelessness.
- **Vulnerable populations hit hardest:** 75% of Sunnydale replacement units for current residents, veterans housing, seniors in Half Moon Bay and East Palo Alto

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## Take Action Today!

### Contact Your Representative:

**Rep. Kevin Mullin:** (202) 225-3313 and (650) 854-2430

Office: 230 Cannon 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

**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-15. I'm calling to urge Representative Mullin to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.*

*Our district spans both San Mateo County and southeast San Francisco neighborhoods like Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, and Portola. Over 18,000 households depend on Housing Choice Vouchers across our district.*

*In San Mateo County, rents require \$62.83 per hour to afford—more than triple minimum wage. In San Francisco's southeast neighborhoods, HUD's historic transformation of Sunnydale is bringing new hope to long-neglected communities.*

*The proposed cuts would be catastrophic: thousands of families could lose their vouchers, the Belmont Family Apartments serving veterans would be at risk, and the Sunnydale HOPE SF project transforming 1,700 homes could be derailed.*

*[Share your personal story if you have one]*

*Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject time limits or block grants. Our diverse communities—from suburban San Mateo to urban San Francisco—all need MORE housing assistance, not less.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration."*

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