

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-16: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-16 **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-16 Housing By the Numbers - Housing Choice Vouchers currently support:

- 5,203 households via Housing Authority of San Mateo County
- 19,000 households via Santa Clara County Housing Authority (partial district coverage)
- 222 Emergency Housing Vouchers issued in San Mateo County

CDBG-DR Funding:

- \$1.6+ billion statewide for wildfire and flood recovery
- Recovery support for CZU Lightning Complex fires (2020)
- Regional relief provided by Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Disaster Fund

Affordable Housing Projects Underway:

- Luna Vista (Mountain View): 108 units, \$13.5M in city investment
- Terra Bella (Mountain View): 79 units, \$7.9M in funding
- Wilton Court (Palo Alto): 61 units, half designated for people with disabilities
- Housing waiting lists receive 5× more applicants than available units

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

- 24,000+ households rely on HUD housing vouchers in the district
- Rent ↑ 76% since 2020 | Wages ↑ only 22%
- Average 2-bedroom rent: \$3,200/month
- 28% of renters pay more than half their income on rent

The Impossible Housing Gap

- Avg. voucher household income: \$22,100/year
 - Living wage (family of 4): \$58,750/year per adult
- Voucher recipients would need to more than double their income

Impact on Residents - Who is affected in CA-16?

- 48% of voucher holders are seniors (62+)
- 62% are female-headed households
- 85% earn <30% of Area Median Income (~\$41,100 for one person)
- 18% of public housing units are occupied by disabled residents

Silicon Valley's Unique Challenges:

- Median home price exceeds \$2 million — the highest in California
- Only 1 out of 805 homes is affordable for middle-income families
- Less than 10% of Black and Latino households can afford a median-priced home
- Mountain View, Palo Alto, and nearby cities offer extremely limited affordable housing

Time to Take Action!

Threats to HUD Funding - Proposed Cuts Include:

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

If Enacted, These Cuts Would:

- Endanger housing for 24,000+ households
- Jeopardize \$1.6B+ in disaster recovery
- Stall key housing projects like Luna Vista and Terra Bella
- Increase homelessness among seniors, disabled residents, and families
- Worsen economic inequities as workers can't afford to live near jobs

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Contact Your U.S. Representatives:

U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Sam Liccardo: (202) 225-2661 | (510) 763-0370

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-16. I'm calling to urge Representative Liccardo to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces a severe affordable housing crisis, with median home prices over \$2 million and rents up 76% since 2020. Thousands of seniors, families, and people with disabilities rely on HUD programs to survive.

[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY IF YOU HAVE ONE]

Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject proposals that impose time limits or convert programs into block grants. These programs are essential to keeping our communities housed, safe, and economically stable.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

Protecting housing programs creates stability, dignity, and opportunity in CA-16. Let's make our voices heard.