

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-12: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-12 **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-12 Housing Crisis Overview

Serving Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont & San Leandro

Proposed Federal Cuts Threaten Our Communities

- 40% cut to rental assistance
- Elimination of Section 8 voucher program
- Two-year limits for “able-bodied” recipients
- \$700M+ cut to homelessness programs

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

Over 18,000 households rely on vouchers in CA-12:

- 13,586 in Oakland
- 1,700+ in Berkeley
- 2,800+ in surrounding cities

Housing costs up 76% since 2020 | Wages up only 22%

Average 2-bed rent: \$3,820 (Oakland), \$3,200 (Berkeley), \$2,950 (district average)

Average voucher household income: \$23,450/year

Living wage for a family of four: \$58,750/adult/year

28.7% of East Bay renters spend over 50% of income on rent

Who Depends on HUD Assistance

- 48% are seniors (62+)
- 62% are female-headed households
- 85% earn under \$41,100/year (extremely low income)
- 52,000 households (23% of renters) are severely rent-burdened

Affordable Housing Projects at Risk

- Brooklyn Basin – 465 units (\$38.5M HUD funds)
- Empyrean Towers – 66-unit rehab for low-income residents
- 95th & International – 55 supportive units (\$21.8M)
- Oak Hill Apartments – 67-unit renovation with childcare
- Berkeley Way – 142-unit affordable and supportive complex
- Adeline Corridor – 120 affordable units in South Berkeley
- San Pablo Avenue – 63 senior units on Albany/Berkeley border

Local Impact If Cuts Pass

- 18,000+ families risk losing housing vouchers
- \$400M+ in assistance could disappear
- 4,000+ seniors and 5,500+ disabled residents face displacement

Time to Take Action!

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

TAKE ACTION TODAY

Contact Your Representatives:

Rep. Lateefah Simon: (202) 225-2661 | (510) 763-0370

Sen. Alex Padilla: (202) 224-3553

Sen. Adam Schiff: (202) 224-3841

Key Committee Chairs:

House Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK): (202) 225-6165

Senate Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee: Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME): (202) 224-2523

SAMPLE CALLING SCRIPT

"Hello, I'm [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR CITY] in CA-12. I'm calling to urge [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME] to protect HUD funding.

Over 18,000 households across our district rely on Housing Choice Vouchers. Housing costs have increased 76% since 2020 while wages rose only 22%. The proposed cuts would be catastrophic for our communities.

[Share your personal story if you have one]

Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject time limits or block grants. Our district has thousands of homeless residents—we need MORE housing assistance, not less.

Thank you."

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