

# Protect HUD Funding!

## PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-08: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

**What is HUD?** Vital Programs for CA-08 **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-08 Housing Needs: The Numbers Speak

- 3,500+ households through Contra Costa Housing Authority
- 2,000+ households through Solano County Housing Authority
- 1,200+ households through Sacramento Housing Authority (in district portions)
- Multiple households through other affiliated housing authorities in the district

### Disaster Recovery & Prevention: Rebuilding Our Wildfire and Flood-Affected Communities

- Over \$1.6 billion in CDBG-DR funds for California's wildfire and flood recovery efforts
- Solano and Contra Costa Counties have received millions in federal disaster recovery funding
- Critical funding for flood protection in a region with high flood risk, especially in Delta communities
- CDBG-DR funds support infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in disaster-affected areas

### Housing Crisis Across Our District:

- **6,700+ households** rely on Housing Choice Vouchers in the district
- Exploding Costs: Rents up **65%** since 2020.
- Wages have increased **only 18%** since 2020.

### THE IMPOSSIBLE GAP:

- **Average voucher recipient earns:** \$22,100/year
- **Living wage needed for family of four:** \$52,400/year *per adult*
- **Gap:** Voucher recipients would need to MORE THAN DOUBLE their income

**2-bedroom rent:** \$2,100/month (average), **28%** of district renters spend over 50% of income on rent

### Affordable Housing Projects:

- Heritage Point: 69-unit affordable housing development in Contra Costa County
- Rocky Hill Veterans Housing: 39-unit permanent supportive housing for veterans in Vacaville
- Delta Pines: 45-unit affordable housing development in Antioch
- Twin Oaks Senior Apartments: 94-unit affordable housing for seniors in Vacaville

### Devastating Impact of Proposed HUD Cuts would severely harm our communities:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance & elimination of traditional Section 8 vouchers.
- Time limits for "able-bodied" recipients (2 years).
- \$700+ million cut from homelessness programs.

### Human Impact If Funding is Reduced:

- Many households earn less than 30% of Area Median Income (\$26,500 for 1 person, \$37,850 for family of 4)
- Approximately 18% of housing vouchers are held by disabled residents
- Nearly 20% of housing vouchers are used by seniors

# Time to Take Action!

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

### **U.S. Representative:**

**Rep. John Garamendi (CA-08)**

Washington D.C. Office: (202) 225-1880

District Office: (707) 438-1822

### **U.S. Senators:**

**Sen. Alex Padilla:** (202) 224-3553

**Sen. Adam Schiff:** (202) 224-3934

## **Contact Key Committee Members (These members play a direct role in funding decisions):**

House Appropriations Transportation - HUD Subcommittee Chair:

**Rep. Steve Womack:** (202) 225-4301

Senate Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee Chair:

**Sen. Brian Schatz:** (202) 224-3934

## **Sample Script When Calling (Remember to personalize your message!):**

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in California's 8th District. I'm calling to urge [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME] to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces severe affordable housing shortages, fire and flood risks, especially in our Delta communities. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our communities.

[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY OR LOCAL IMPACT - e.g., how HUD has helped someone you know, or how the housing crisis is affecting your community.]

Without these programs, many of our neighbors including: veterans, seniors, and working families will face homelessness despite working full-time. 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 natural disasters.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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