

Protect HUD Funding!

Protect HUD Funding in CA-04: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-04 The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides critical support through programs like:

- **Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)** help low-income families afford decent housing.
- **Continuum of Care (CoC)** grants fund homelessness programs and services
- **HOME & CDBG** Supports affordable housing and community development.

CA-04 Housing Needs: The Numbers Speak

Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:

- 13,084 families through Sacramento Housing Authority (payments go to landlords)
- 431 families through Yolo County Housing Authority
- Multiple families through Lake, Napa, and Sonoma County authorities

Affordable Housing:

- West Gateway Place Phase II: 60-unit complex in West Sacramento funded by CDBG
- Le Donne Drive development by Mutual Housing with 108 rental units and 18 single-family homes
- 805 R Street project developing 241 affordable units

Impact on District Residents

Vulnerable populations:

- Median income for voucher recipients: approximately \$21,412 per year
- Many households earn less than 30% of Area Median Income (\$24,750 for 1 person, \$35,350 for family of 4)
- 18.24% vouchers used by disabled residents, 19.18% by senior citizens.

Rural community needs:

- Limited affordable housing options in rural areas of Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties.
- Transportation challenges magnify housing affordability issues in rural communities.
- Agricultural workers and rural families disproportionately affected by housing shortages.
- Rural homelessness often less visible but equally concerning.

Proposed Cuts to HUD Include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance funding
- Elimination of traditional Section 8 voucher program
- Two-year time limits for "able-bodied" recipients

Time to Take Action!

- Block grants to states with fewer federal protections.
- \$700+ million cut from homelessness programs.

Impact of two-year time limits:

- Would harm working families who make up majority of non-elderly, non-disabled recipients.
- Rents increased 55% between 2020-2024, making housing unaffordable for workers.
- Creates housing instability, leading to increased homelessness.
- Particularly devastating in rural areas with limited employment opportunities

Take Action Today!

Your Representatives:

U.S. Representative:

- **Rep. Mike Thompson:** (202) 225-3311 and (707) 645-1888

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: **Senator Brian Schatz** (D-HI) (202) 224-3934, HI office: (808) 523-2061

Sample Script When Calling

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in CA-04. I'm calling to urge **Representative Thompson** to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district has been devastated by wildfires and floods, destroying thousands of homes. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our recovery efforts.

[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 to rebuild affordable housing destroyed by disasters.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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