

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-02: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-02 **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.

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

- 4,300+ households depend on vouchers
- Rent ↑ 76% since 2020 | Wages ↑ 22%

The Impossible Housing Gap:

- Marin 2-bed rent: \$3,267/mo → \$62.83/hr needed (3.6× min. wage)
- Humboldt: 85% of extremely low-income spend 50%+ on housing
- Avg. voucher household income: \$22,100/year
- Living wage in Marin (family of 4): \$58,750/adult/year

North Coast Pressures:

- Rural isolation: Limited housing in Trinity, Del Norte & rural Mendocino
- Wildfires: Thousands of homes lost
- Tourism: Vacation rentals reduce local housing stock

Impact on Residents:

- 83% of Marin voucher holders earn <30% AMI
- “Low income” in Marin = \$156,650/year (family of 4)
- 115 Emergency Vouchers for chronically homeless
- HUD-VASH critical for veterans

Wildfire Recovery Needs:

- 5,300+ homes lost in Sonoma fires
- 300+ in Mendocino
- Recovery dependent on federal support (e.g. Santa Rosa, Paradise)

Proposed Cuts Include:

- 40% cut to rental assistance
- Elimination of Section 8 vouchers
- Time limits for able-bodied recipients
- \$700M+ cut to homelessness programs
- Block grants with weaker federal oversight

If Enacted, These Cuts Would:

- Endanger housing for 4,300+ district households
- Jeopardize \$317M+ in wildfire recovery
- Threaten key projects (Golden Gate Village, Point Reyes)
- Increase homelessness among seniors, veterans, and fire survivors
- Undermine future disaster response capacity.

Time to Take Action!

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

U.S. Representative:

- **Rep. Jared Huffman:** (202) 225-5161 and (707) 407-3585

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-02. I'm calling to urge [ELECTE'S NAME] to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces unique challenges with extremely high housing costs and ongoing wildfire recovery needs. In Marin County, residents need to earn over \$62 per hour to afford average rent. In Humboldt County, 85% of extremely low-income households spend over half their income on housing. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our communities still recovering from devastating wildfires.

[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY IF YOU HAVE ONE]

Our rural and coastal communities depend on HUD programs for disaster recovery, affordable housing development, and supporting our most vulnerable residents including veterans, seniors, and wildfire survivors. Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject proposals to impose time limits or convert programs to block grants.