

# Protect HUD Funding!

## Protect HUD Funding in CA-06: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

### What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-06 The Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

### CA-06 Housing By the Numbers

#### Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:

- 13,084 families through Sacramento Housing Authority (payments go to landlords)
- Covers numerous communities including Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, North Sacramento, Fair Oaks, Gold River, Carmichael, and more
- SHRA pays approximately \$15-16 million monthly to landlords for these families

#### CDBG-DR Funding:

- HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program supports recovery efforts
- These funds help rebuild housing destroyed by disasters in the district
- CDBG-DR money has been used to support resilient infrastructure projects

#### Affordable Housing:

- Sunrise Pointe: 47-unit complex in Citrus Heights (first affordable housing in 20 years)
- 805 R Street development of 241 affordable units with commercial space
- Mutual Housing and Capital Area Development Authority (CADA) collaborative projects

### 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)
- Significant percentage of disabled residents (10.5%-18.24% across various programs)
- Senior citizens making up nearly 20% of public housing residents

# Time to Take Action!

## Suburban housing challenges:

- Growing need for affordable housing in suburban communities like Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, and Fair Oaks
- Increasing rent pressures as residents seek more affordable options outside urban core
- Suburban homelessness becoming more visible with limited support infrastructure
- Need for transportation-accessible affordable housing in suburban settings

## Proposed HUD Cuts Include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance funding
- Elimination of traditional Section 8 voucher program
- Two-year time limits for "able-bodied" recipients
- 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 need assistance due to Sacramento's housing crisis
- Average voucher recipient income (\$21,412) is less than 40% of the Area Living Wage (\$55,653 annually)
- Fair market rents increased 55% between 2020-2024, drastically outpacing wages
- Creates housing insecurity before families achieve economic stability
- Disrupts neighborhood stability and community investment in suburban areas

## Take Action Today!

### Contact Your Representatives:

#### U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Ami Bera: (202) 225-5716 and (916) 635-0505

#### 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

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## Sample Script When Calling

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in CA-06. I'm calling to urge Representative Bera to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces severe affordable housing shortages and disaster risks. The proposed cuts to HUD funding would be catastrophic for our communities.

[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 for stable, affordable housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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