

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-13: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-13 **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-13 Housing By the Numbers - Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:

- 4,900+ households through Stanislaus County Housing Authority
- 4,800+ households through Merced County Housing Authority
- 2,200+ households through Madera County Housing Authority
- Multiple households through other affiliated housing authorities in the district

CDBG and Disaster Recovery Funding:

- Critical CDBG funding for infrastructure and housing in rural areas
- Flood protection funding for San Joaquin Valley communities
- Drought resilience programs for agricultural areas
- HUD-funded initiatives for agricultural worker housing

Affordable Housing Projects:

- Merced Station – 66-unit development near UC Merced
- King View Estates – 57-unit project in Madera
- Bear Creek Terrace – 80 units for agricultural workers
- South Merced Family Apartments – 66-unit affordable complex

The Housing Crisis in Numbers

- 11,900+ households rely on vouchers in the district
- Housing costs up 54% since 2020 | Wages up only 16%
- Average voucher income: \$22,100/year
- Living wage (family of 4): \$45,800/adult/year
- Two working parents need: \$91,600/year total & Single parent needs: \$91,600/year
- Voucher recipients would need to increase income by 4–5x to survive without assistance
- Average 2-bedroom rent: \$1,650/month
- 34% of district renters spend over 50% of income on rent

Impact on District Residents

Many earn less than 30% of Area Median Income (\$24,050/individual, \$34,350/family of 4)
21% of public housing residents are disabled & 23% are seniors

Rural and Agricultural Community Needs

- Limited affordable housing in Merced, Stanislaus, and Madera rural areas
- Transportation challenges increase housing burden
- Farmworkers and rural families face severe housing shortages
- Lack of development threatens economic growth in agricultural regions

Threats to HUD Funding

Proposed cuts include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance
- Elimination of Section 8 vouchers
- Two-year limits for “able-bodied” recipients

Time to Take Action!

- Block grants with fewer federal protections
- \$700M+ cut to homelessness programs

If Funding is Reduced:

- 11,900+ households could lose vouchers
- Projects like Merced Station and King View Estates would be at risk
- Homelessness would rise—especially among seniors, farmworkers, and disabled residents
- Infrastructure investment in Central Valley communities would be severely reduced

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

Take Action Today!

U.S. Representative:

- Rep. Adam Gray: (202) 225-3341 and (209) 384-1620

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: Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI): (202) 224-3934

Sample Script When Calling

"Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] from [YOUR TOWN] in CA-13. I'm calling to urge Representative Gray to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces severe affordable housing shortages, particularly for agricultural workers and rural families. 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.