

Protect HUD Funding!

PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-07: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

What is HUD? Vital Programs for CA-07 **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-07 Housing Needs: The Numbers Speak

- 13,084 households through Sacramento Housing Authority (payments go to landlords)
- 431 households through Yolo County Housing Authority
- 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
- Sacramento County has received millions in federal disaster recovery funding
- Critical funding for flood protection in a region with high flood risk
- CDBG-DR funds support infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization

Housing Crisis Across Our District:

- Exploding Costs: Rents up **71%** since 2020.
- Wages have increased **only 16%** since 2020.

THE IMPOSSIBLE GAP:

- **Average voucher recipient earns:** \$21,412/year
- **Living wage needed for family of four:** \$48,740/year *per adult*
- **Gap:** Voucher recipients would need to MORE THAN DOUBLE their income

Affordable Housing Projects:

- The Lyla: 291-unit complex in Elk Grove under construction (completion expected late 2024)
- Poppy Grove: 384-unit affordable housing development (completion expected mid-2025)
- The Pardes 1: 95-unit affordable housing development (completion expected late 2025)
- Coral Blossom Apartments: 81-unit complex providing permanent housing for formerly homeless residents

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:

- 13,084+ households would lose housing vouchers in Sacramento County
- \$1.6+ billion in disaster recovery funds at risk
- Critical affordable housing projects like The Lyla, Poppy Grove, and The Pardes 1 jeopardized
- Increased homelessness, particularly affecting seniors and people with disabilities
- Reduced flood protection funding for a highly vulnerable region

Time to Take Action!

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

U.S. Representative:

Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-07)

Washington D.C. Office: (202) 225-7163

District Office: (916) 498-5600

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 7th District. I'm calling to urge **[REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME]** to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.

Our district faces severe affordable housing shortages and flood risks. 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 flood disasters.

Thank you for your time and consideration."

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