

# Protect HUD Funding!

## PROTECT HUD FUNDING IN CA-14: Ensuring Housing Stability for Our Communities

**What is HUD?** Vital Programs for CA-14 **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-14 Housing By the Numbers

#### **Housing Choice Vouchers currently serve:**

- 2,500+ households in District 14 cities via Housing Authority of Alameda County
- Serving families in Hayward, Pleasanton, Livermore, Union City, Castro Valley, and parts of Dublin and Fremont

#### **Disaster Recovery and Community Development:**

- \$8.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for affordable housing in district cities
- \$3.2 million annually in CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding supports CA-14 communities

#### **Affordable Housing Projects:**

- Rocky Hill Veterans Housing – 39 permanent supportive units for veterans
- Sequoia Grove (Hayward) – New affordable townhomes
- Additional developments in planning or construction across district cities

#### **Housing Crisis Across Our District**

Median home price: \$850,000+ in most district cities

Average 2-bedroom rent: \$2,500+/month

Income needed to afford rent: \$48/hour (nearly 3x minimum wage)

Housing costs up 65% since 2020 | Wages up only 18%

#### **The Impossible Gap:**

Average voucher recipient income: \$22,100/year

Living wage (family of 4): \$52,400/adult/year

Voucher recipients would need to more than double their income

#### **Vulnerable Populations Across CA-14:**

Over 20,000 low-income renter households lack access to affordable housing

75% of extremely low-income households pay over 50% of income on housing

28% of renters in the district spend over 50% of income on rent

#### **Threats to HUD Funding**

Proposed cuts include:

- 40% reduction in rental assistance
- Elimination of Section 8 vouchers
- Two-year limits for “able-bodied” recipients
- Block grants with fewer federal protections
- \$700M+ cut to homelessness programs

#### **If Funding is Reduced:**

- 7,000+ households could lose housing vouchers
- \$300M+ in housing development funds would be at risk

# Time to Take Action!

- Projects like Belmont Family Apartments could be jeopardized
- 3,500+ seniors and 4,000+ disabled residents face displacement

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

### Contact Your Representative:

- **Rep. Anna Eshoo:** (202) 225-8104 and (650) 323-2984

### 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-14. I'm calling to urge Representative Eshoo to protect HUD funding in the upcoming budget.*

*Our district spans parts of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties where over 7,000 households depend on Housing Choice Vouchers. Housing costs in our area require over \$63 per hour to afford—more than triple minimum wage.*

*The proposed cuts would be catastrophic: thousands of families could lose their vouchers, the Belmont Family Apartments serving veterans would be at risk, and many other affordable housing projects could be derailed.*

*[SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY IF YOU HAVE ONE]*

*Please maintain funding for all HUD programs and reject time limits or block grants. Our communities need MORE housing assistance, not less.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration."*

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