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Opposing the Department of Housing and Urban Development Proposed Rule Change Impacting Mixed Status Families

On February 20, 2026, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a proposed rule outlining the federal government’s intent to restrict families with any member who is undocumented from accessing federally subsidized housing. The rule would also require local housing authorities, including the 19 housing authorities within Los Angeles County, to report any tenant who is not eligible for rental aid to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. This proposed reporting requirement will create a chilling effect that will discourage eligible households from seeking or maintaining housing assistance due to fear and confusion.

Currently, undocumented immigrants are not eligible for federal housing aid. However, they can live with family members who receive this assistance, including U.S.-born children. There are also non-citizens with legal status, such as lawful permanent residents and recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), who would be impacted by this rule change. In fact, according to a study from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, if the new rule is implemented, roughly 80,000 people across the country would face eviction and family separation, including nearly 37,000 U.S. citizen

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children.¹ In California, 7,190 households are at risk of losing their housing if the proposed rule goes into effect.²

Los Angeles County has long been enriched by the nearly 3.5 million immigrants who live here and make significant contributions to our economy. Further, as the County continues to contend with a homelessness crisis, this proposed rule has the potential to push more families into homelessness during a time when housing resources are already shrinking. Additionally, the proposed rule would likely impose significant operational and administrative impacts on housing authorities and other public facing County departments due to compliance costs and increased demand for homeless services, public health, legal services, and other family supports. The proposed rule is open for public comment for 60 days as of February 20, 2026. Given the potential harm to local mixed status families currently served by HUD's programs, Los Angeles County must take action to respond to the proposed rule.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) branch, in consultation with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), the Department of Homeless Services

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2026/02/19/nx-s1-5525859/hud-ban-undocumented-immigrants-families-housing-children>

² <https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/california-los-angeles-hud-mixed-status-rental-housing-assistance-trump-rule-immigrant>

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and Housing (HSH), and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) through its Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation declaring the Board's opposition to the proposed rule and expressing the significant harm that it would cause to Los Angeles County and its residents.

2. Direct LACDA, in coordination with HSH and OIA, and in consultation with County Counsel, to draft and submit a comprehensive County response opposing the proposed rule, to be submitted during the public comment period.
3. Direct LACDA, in collaboration with HSH and OIA, and in consultation with County Counsel, to plan and carry out direct community education and engagement activities to reach individuals who may be directly affected by the proposed rule. This includes sharing clear, easy-to-understand, multilingual information about what the rule would do, how it could impact them if implemented, what support resources are available to them, and how they can share their experiences, concerns, and feedback during the public comment period.
4. Direct LACDA and HSH, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the other public housing authorities in the County, to assess the potential impact of this proposed rule and develop a plan to prevent

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displacement and homelessness should the rule be adopted.

5. Instruct County Counsel to monitor any legal action challenging the proposed rule from taking effect, and, support, file and/or join in as amicus or as plaintiff in litigation, as deemed appropriate by County Counsel.

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