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The Honorable Congressman Gil Cisneros
31st District, United States House of Representatives
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20515

RE: Protect Vital HUD CPD Programs and HUD Staffing.

Dear Congressman Cisneros,

The City of La Verne strongly urges you to oppose any unreasonable or capricious staff cuts at the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any attempts to eliminate or cut CPD programs, particularly the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Homeless Assistance Grants, and CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds. These programs are essential to the City of La Verne's ability to provide vital services, including meals for vulnerable residents and ADA compliance upgrades, which support low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities. The loss of this funding would create significant hardships for our community and many others across the nation.

The proposed 84% staff reduction in HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) would severely impact the administration of these essential programs. Reducing staff will inevitably lead to delays and disruptions, directly harming local governments that rely on these resources to sustain their communities. We recognize the need for efficiency, but not at the expense of critical services that ensure the well-being of our most vulnerable residents.

Local governments, including ours, count on these programs to fill funding gaps and provide necessary public services and improvements. Without this support, we face difficult choices that could limit our ability to serve those in need. We urge you to work collaboratively to find solutions that maintain these indispensable programs while promoting efficiency and accountability.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to serving our communities, and we ask for your advocacy in ensuring that the Community Development Block Grant Program remain intact. By working together, we can protect these vital services and ensure our communities continue to thrive. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

CC:
La Verne City Council
United States Senate Committee on Appropriations
Honorable Senator Alex Padilla

United States House Appropriation Committee
Honorable Senator Adam Schiff