

Fact Sheet:

Save Section 8 Coalition *Updated March 23, 2006*

The Save Section 8 Coalition is a group of over of 100 organizations that advocates for the preservation and expansion of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and other federal housing programs such as the Community Development Block Grant and Section 811 (Housing for the Disabled) locally and at the national level. The Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness formed the Save Section 8 Coalition in April, 2004 in reaction severe budget cuts and drastic policy changes to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and the resulting cancellation of 1,500 Section 8 vouchers in the City of Los Angeles.

Save Section 8 Coalition Members

The Save Section 8 Coalition is made up community and faith based organizations, affordable housing developers, homelessness and legal advocates, social service providers, labor unions, and more.

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Our advocacy efforts have included meeting with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and local housing authority officials, lobbying members of Congress and local elected officials, letter writing campaigns, and holding press conferences and rallies. The Save Section 8 Coalition was also involved in a collaborative effort with several disability rights and legal advocates to require the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to provide reasonable accommodations for Section 8 applicants and tenants with disabilities.

Current Activities and Projects

- Educating our Representatives on the impacts of the Bush Administration's proposed budget cuts under the FY 2007 Budget Proposal and harmful policy changes to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, CDBG, and Section 811.
- Putting together a "Know Your Rights Guide" for Section 8 applicants and tenants. This guide will include information on eligibility, how the housing authority determines rents, tenant rights and responsibilities, and more.
- Working with local City and County Housing Authorities to improve local policies as well as the administration of the Section 8 program in order to prevent increased rent burdens on needy families, wrongful evictions, and homelessness.
- Working to ensure that Section 8 tenants are protected under the City of Los Angeles Rent Stabilization ordinance.

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