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Bird Marella Joins Legal Challenge to HUD Rule Threatening Housing for Mixed-Status Families in Los Angeles

Bird Marella has joined a legal team challenging a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rule that threatens housing stability for mixed-immigration-status families in Los Angeles and across the country.

The lawsuit, brought on behalf of Los Angeles families and tenant advocacy organizations, seeks to prevent enforcement of the HUD rule in the Central District of California that could force mixed-status families to make a difficult choice – separate from loved ones or risk losing their homes. The challenged rule threatens access to federally assisted housing for families whose members have different and mixed immigration statuses, potentially displacing entire households and destabilizing vulnerable communities.

“Los Angeles is home to some of our nation’s largest populations of mixed-status families, and the HUD rule would disproportionately threaten our most vulnerable communities – especially children – by putting their housing stability at risk simply because of their parents’ immigration status,” said Alexander H. Tran, Counsel at Bird Marella.

Through this litigation, the plaintiffs seek to protect families from displacement and preserve access to affordable housing. The case underscores the importance of ensuring that federal housing policies do not unnecessarily separate families or jeopardize housing stability for those who depend on assistance.

Bird Marella is proud to work alongside Public Counsel and Kendall Brill & Kelly LLP in representing People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER), Union de Vecinos, and Los Angeles Families challenging this rule. The firm's involvement reflects its historical and ongoing commitment to pro bono advocacy.

The Bird Marella team representing plaintiffs in this lawsuit includes Alexander H. Tran, Michael C. Landman, Monique M. Candiff, Abigail M. Smith, and Tammy L. Dicks, all of whom have made valuable contributions to the case.

Read the full Public Counsel press release.