

My name is David Abbasi. I am here today to expose a federally funded slumlord operation that is being shielded by this county, and to correct the false claim that this Board has no jurisdiction over the Housing Authority.

When I reported a severe biohazard at my residence, I was told the Housing Authority operates outside your jurisdiction. That is factually and legally false.

First, you control the funding. On August 19, 2025, this Board awarded 2.1 million dollars in federal HUD HOME funds to Golden Empire Affordable Housing—the private alter-ego of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority is actively using federal funds to maintain properties that willfully violate state health and safety laws.

Second, you control the leadership. Under California Health and Safety Code Section 34271, this Board of Supervisors holds the explicit statutory mandate to appoint the Commissioners of the Housing Authority. Furthermore, under Health and Safety Code Section 34282, you hold the explicit power to remove any commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. You appoint, and have the power to fire, the Executive Director's bosses.

While you approve millions for this entity, tenants are left living in a public health crisis. My building is covered in pathogenic pigeon guano and the roof gutters are full of pigeon droppings that is actively aerosolizing into our HVAC units, vents, windows, and breathable air around the property. Not to mention it's covered the stairs, handrails, and walkways. Yet, when Code Enforcement arrived and explicitly promised to issue citations, they backed down the second they realized who the owner was.

When I tried to get help, Supervisor Leticia Perez's office hung up on me. The Kern County Public Health Department hung up on me and is refusing to take any action.

This is illegal selective enforcement. The Housing Authority is shielding itself, and is being actively shielded by the County, from mandatory state laws—and county agencies are helping cover it up. Because you control the funding, the appointments, and the removal power, you own this liability. I demand this Board exercise its statutory oversight, have Public Health issue the abatement notice, and compel the immediate abatement of these hazards. Thank you.

BY ORDER OF THE BD/SUPV
Referred To _____

Copies Furnished Each Supervisor,
CAO, Co Counsel

Date 9/28/2025

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By [Signature], Deputy