2020 Long Range Development Plan

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

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Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, the University of California, Berkeley, is creating a new long range plan that will guide land use and physical development of the campus for the next 15 years. The plan is of great importance to the university and to our community in general.



A draft of this Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) has recently been completed, along with a draft environmental impact report, and the two documents are available for public review and comment. I invite you to view the draft report and learn more about this plan by visiting our web site at http://lrdp.berkeley.edu. I also encourage you to attend one of the public hearings scheduled for May 5 and May 11 or send us your written comments.

The University of California Board of Regents requires each campus in the system to create a new long range plan every 15 or 20 years. Our current plan was adopted in 1990. Education and research have both changed enormously since then, particularly

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The new 2020 LRDP is a remarkable document that sets out a strategic approach for revitalizing our aging facilities, supporting and housing the next generation of students, and creating structures and spaces that will enable us to continue our long tradition of excellence.

While changes to the campus often raise environmental concerns, I expect the plan to benefit our campus and our community. Our goal is to promote social interaction and intellectual collaboration, preserve open space, protect our architectural treasures, and help enrich the communities around us.

For example, the 2020 LRDP notes that a downtown hotel conference center would contribute to both campus life and the economic and cultural vitality of downtown Berkeley. Today, UC Berkeley and the city of Berkeley are working together to establish a hotel, conference center, and museum complex in the downtown blocks just west of campus.

Another example is the proposed new Chang-Lin Tien Center for East Asian Studies, the first project proposed under the 2020 LRDP. The center is designed and sited to preserve important views of historic Doe Library.

With the draft 2020 LRDP and draft environmental analysis now complete, a **60-day public comment period** opens and includes the public hearings in May. Following the close of the comment period on June 14, campus planners will revise the drafts and complete final documents, which will be submitted to the Regents in the fall.

This thoughtful planning effort, combined with your participation in the review process, will strengthen our community and help assure continued excellence in teaching and research for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor

You're Invited

Comment on UC Berkeley's 2020 LRDP and Tien Center EIR in person or in writing:

Public Hearings

Wednesday, May 5 7-9 p.m. North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley

Tuesday, May 11 5:30-8:30 p.m. Krutch Theater, Clark Kerr Campus 2601 Warring St., Berkeley

Written Comments

Submit written comments on the EIR by 5 p.m. June 14, 2004 to:
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