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May 22, 2004

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Dear Thomas,

Attached to this letter you will find a copy of a resolution in support of student demands in the 2020 Long Range Development Plan. This resolution was unanimously approved by the ASUC Senate on Wednesday, February 18th.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Mata
Gustavo A. Mata

Vice President of Academic Affairs, ASUC

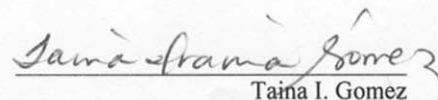
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A BILL IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT DEMANDS IN THE 2020 LONG RANGE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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- Whereas,** The 2020 Long Range Development Plan will outline UC Berkeley's physical growth over the next 15 years, supporting proposals for the expansion of housing, parking and office space; and
- Whereas,** This plan is important to students since it will affect where and how we live and the quality of our academic resources; and
- Whereas,** The University in its Strategic Academic Plan and the 1990-2005 Long Range Development Plan, called for the expansion of student housing in proximity to the central campus; and
- Whereas,** As more students come to UC Berkeley every year it is important to expand our housing supply to promote an affordable and accessible market; and
- Whereas,** The new plan as outlined in its Notice of Preparation recommends creating housing 20 minutes or a mile away from campus, and prioritizes expanding parking and research space in the Southside and Downtown areas; and
- Whereas,** The goal of the new LRDP should be to support the creation of a campus community, connecting students to faculty members and academic resources and well as social services; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** The ASUC urge the University administration to incorporate the following demands in the 2020 Long Range Development Plan:
- Continue the University's commitment as outlined in the Strategic Academic Plan to build more student housing close to the central campus. | C109-1
 - Define the location of the proposed "Housing Zone" and include existing opportunity sites such as the Downtown area, Tang Center Lot and Berkeley Art Museum site for new student housing. | C109-2
 - Include Transportation alternatives, such as a free BEAR Pass for University faculty and staff as an EIR alternative, and support parking alternatives in the EIR. | C109-3
 - Promote student safety in future physical expansion by prioritizing the core campus for student services, rather than administrative space. | C109-4
 - Promote Renewable Energy and Sustainability practices in future construction. | C109-5
 - Waive the Parking Replacement Fee for Rochdale III and future housing projects. | C109-6


Taina I. Gomez
Chair of the ASUC Senate

11.2C.109 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C109

This letter transmits a resolution passed by the ASUC in regard to the 2020 LRDP. The ASUC also submitted detailed comments in comment letter C297.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS C109-1 THRU C109-6

Comments 1, 2, 4, and 5 are incorporated in the policies of the 2020 LRDP. With regard to comment 3, a pilot Bear Pass program was approved by AC Transit in July 2004 and is scheduled to become operational in fall 2004, as described in Thematic Response 10.

The writer's comments on the parking replacement fee are noted, although the fee is UC Berkeley policy and applies to all construction projects. Adequate housing and adequate parking are both critical to the mission of UC Berkeley. Responsible resource management requires that the full range of costs and benefits be recognized in each resource decision, and the displacement of existing parking represents a real cost.



Bill Berry
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cc:
Subject: Questions concerning LRDP

06/10/2004 11:21 AM

My questions concern the Hill Area:

1. The level area uphill from the Cal Adventures building (former Poultry Husbandry building) is presently being used in a way not consistent with the current LRDP. Instead of an open space and potential ecologic study area, it seems now to be used for truck storage, materials storage and apparently dumping of materials. Leaks from vehicles and material stored there could leak into the ground water and, ultimately, into Strawberry Creek, thus polluting it. The proposed LRDP appears to propose continued use of this site in the way it is used presently. What are the mitigations proposed for using the site in this way in light of potential leaks of pollutants from it into the groundwater? Why is the site proposed to be used as it is now and not returned to open space/ ecologic study?

C110-1

2. The habitat for the Alameda County Whipsnake, an endangered species, includes most of the hill area. Where are the mitigations for damaging the habitat of this endangered species if the hill housing is constructed?

C110-2

3. The population density proposed in the Hill housing projects in the LRDP will create enhanced levels of poor air quality. What are the proposed mitigations for this loss of air quality?

C110-3

4. The number of people to be housed in the proposed Hill area development will generate a much higher level of traffic congestion that currently exists in the area as well as increasing substantially the possibility of accidents near the Lawrence Hall of Science. What are the mitigations for the increased traffic and the greater possibility of accidents in the hill area?

C110-4

5. In light of attempts to reduce use of cars and improve air quality in the local area, what are the alternatives to so many new parking spaces proposed in the LRDP?

C110-5

William Berry
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11.2C.110 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C110

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C110-1

The site described was identified in the 1990-2005 LRDP (page 52) as the *Poultry Husbandry Reserve Site for Field Research* and has never been identified as part of the Ecological Study Area.

To temporarily meet the urgent need for a base from which to serve needs of the more easterly campus facilities, the site has provided staging and storage for the Department of Facilities Services (Physical Plant—Campus Services Division, Facilities Group). The site was partially paved and engineered retaining walls, drainage systems, temporary equipment sheds and fencing installed to manage the site appropriately for public and habitat health and safety. Storage only of campus maintenance materials and vehicles occurs on the site under applicable standards, codes, and best management practices for such use. Risks of groundwater contamination are minimal.

The draft 2020 LRDP states at page 3.1-55:

The upslope area of the former Poultry Husbandry site, shown as S1 in figure 3.1-10, is now used by the campus as a materials storage and vehicle parking site. This site was designated in the 1990-2005 LRDP as a reserve site for a future research facility. While the current use may remain as an interim use in the near term, a feasibility study should be conducted to identify a more suitable long term use for this site and a more suitable location for the current use.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C110-2

Hill Campus development would avoid sensitive habitat areas. See text at pages 4.3-17 through 4.3-18 of the Draft EIR, and Mitigation BIO-1-c at page 4.3-26.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C110-3

The writer's opinion that the density of Hill Campus housing would result in reduced air quality is noted. See Thematic Response 1 regarding the role of the 2020 LRDP in project review. Due partly to comments received and partly to its uncertain near-term feasibility, faculty housing has been deleted as a potential future Hill Campus use in the 2020 LRDP. As noted in Thematic Response 8, the site formerly designated H1 has been redesignated as a reserve site, while former site H2 has been redesignated as part of the surrounding research zone.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C110-4

Any proposed project implementing the 2020 LRDP would be subject to project-specific review in accordance with CEQA. See Thematic Response 1 regarding the role of the 2020 LRDP in project review. Due partly to comments received and partly to its uncertain near-term feasibility, faculty housing has been deleted as a potential future Hill Campus use in the 2020 LRDP. As noted in Thematic Response 8, the site formerly designated H1 has been redesignated as a reserve site, while former site H2 has been redesignated as part of the surrounding research zone.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C110-5

Please see Alternative L-2 in the Draft EIR. See also Thematic Response 3 regarding LRDP alternatives.

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RE: Comments on UC Berkeley's 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Draft
Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

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Yours truly,

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Dear Ms. Lawrence:

Plus: I live on Summit Rd. Which is a very narrow street. With the restriction on parking for the space science employees on Grizzly Peak Blvd. adjacent to the space science facilities, the employees are parking on Summit Road, making it extremely difficult to drive through a single lane road with automobiles parked on both sides of the road. Please come to this area and see for yourself the problem that we encounter due to the added parked automobiles.

With an added high density housing brought into this area , access and egress to our homes will become impossible.

Respectfully,

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6/7/04

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LETTER C120

June 6, 2004

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11.2C.111-121 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS C111 THRU C121

The University received 138 form letters signed by individuals, objecting to the proposal for up to 100 faculty housing units in the Hill Campus: C111-C121, C125-C159, C161-C165, C167-C171, C173-C179, C182-C183, C194-C216, C219-C239, C241-C250, C257, C259, C263-C264, C267, C278-C279, C282-C283, C285-C293, and C300. A few of these letters, such as C111, include brief postscript comments, primarily objecting to the number of current UC employees whom the writers assert are parking on city streets to avoid paying UC parking fees.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS C111 THRU C121

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT C111-2

University parking in the Hill Campus is offered at a significant discount to encourage UC Berkeley workers to park in University lots rather than on City streets. The current rate for University parking in the Hill Campus is \$59.50 per month, compared to \$81.50-\$113 per month for spaces on and around the Campus Park. Pre-tax purchase further reduces the net cost of these spaces by 12%-46%, depending on the tax bracket of the purchaser.

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Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I am writing regarding the UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP.

My wife, Olga, and I want to go on record as opposing the planned faculty housing on the H1 and H2 parcels near Lawrence Hall of Science and lower Summit Road.

C122-1

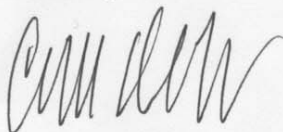
As you can see above, we live on Summit Road, and already during the morning and evening rush hours the traffic on Centennial and Grizzly Peak is very heavy. With another 200 cars the planned development will bring, this area will be over developed, with all the additional congestion problems that go with over development.

We encourage you to consider alternate locations for this housing, specifically the plot of land in Albany bounded by San Pablo and Buchanan Streets, where large empty spaces still exist despite the graduate housing that was built there recently.

C122-2

Please put us on your mailing list for updates of the LRDP plans and meetings, as we missed the last public meeting.

Sincerely,



Clifford Orloff
Former UC Berkeley faculty member

11.2C.122 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C122

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT C122-2

University Village Albany is not within the scope of the 2020 LRDP. However, a new master plan for UVA was recently approved by the UC Regents in June 2004. This master plan includes a substantial amount of new student and faculty housing, as well as replacement of the existing 1940s- and 1960s-era family housing.

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To **LETTER C123**

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June 7, 2004

Chancellor Robert Berdahl
Chancellor's Immediate Office, # 1500
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Dear Chancellor Berdahl,

Enclosed is the "CSAC Feedback to the Long Range Development Plan." We composed our feedback statement after reading the draft plan and meeting with Kerry O'Banion to gain insight into aspects of the LRDP that we felt had the greatest impact on staff. We have not sent these comments to the LRDP project committee, as we are your advisory committee. After you review our comments, if you feel that they should be included as part of the public record, I have enclosed a second copy which can be forwarded to Jennifer Lawrence before the public comment period closes on June 14.

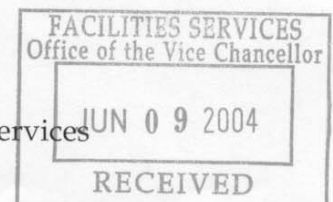
Although our comments address three topics in particular, staff housing, parking and the projection of growth for non-academic staff, we recognize that our larger concerns are less about the specifics of the plan than they are about the philosophy, policies and assumptions that form the foundation for the plan. Given that the new LRDP will guide campus growth and development through 2020 and provide a framework within which campus policies will be devised, we hope that the interests of staff will be taken into equal consideration when the administration makes its future policy decisions. Even as a planning document, the draft LRDP repeatedly disregards the interests of the staff constituency whose role is broad, and whose work is vital to carrying out the academic and research mission underlying the plan.

We appreciate the chance as staff to respond to the LRDP. We believe that creating a vision for the future of UC Berkeley requires that all campus constituencies be equally acknowledged and represented during the planning and policy stages. Only when this occurs can a true campus community thrive and be sustained.

Sincerely,

Sandra Wasson
Chair
Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee

cc: Horace Mitchell, Vice Chancellor – Business and Administrative Services
Ed Denton, Vice Chancellor – Facilities Services ✓





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June 7, 2004

CSAC Feedback on the Long Range Development Plan:

1) No consideration given for staff housing:

The LRDP states (section 3.1.8)

The ability of UC Berkeley to recruit, retain, and support outstanding individuals is fundamental to academic excellence. Many of our best student and faculty candidates cite the scarcity of good, reasonably priced housing and child care near campus as key factors in their decisions whether or not to come to UC Berkeley. The problem of housing is particularly acute for students: expanding and improving the supply of housing near campus is critical not only to ensure our students are adequately housed, but also to provide the community of peers and mentors, and the access to campus resources, they require to excel.

As the above excerpt indicates, the proposed increase in housing is to accommodate freshmen for 2 years, transfer students for 1 year, entering graduate students for 1 year, and non-tenured faculty for 3 years. However, neither recognition nor provisions are being made for any kind of housing or housing assistance for campus staff.

C123-1

2) Parking:

We support the planned addition of 2300 parking spots. Nonetheless, we are concerned that there appears to be no compensatory parking provided for parking lost during construction phases, and that in general there is not enough specific information about the location or allocation of new parking lots or structures. Staff are already concerned about the cost of parking, location of parking and the lack of adequate parking and would like to see in the plan that this new parking is designated in such a way that it addresses this shortage.

C123-2

3) Projection of growth for non-academic staff is too low:

We understand that the projected growth of non-academic staff was calculated as a ratio of the projected growth of students, faculty, and academic staff combined. We are concerned that this formula falsely assumes:

C123-3

- a) that the current staffing levels are adequate, and
- b) that the number of staff needed to support a given number of students is the same as the number of staff needed to support the same number of faculty.

This "blended" ratio has the effect of depressing the projected growth of non-academic staff.

11.2C.123 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C123

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C123-1

Because the state provides no funds for housing, the entire cost of University housing construction, maintenance, and operation must be supported by rents. This in turn requires a conservative approach to inventory expansion, to ensure the inventory does not outpace demand, since each vacancy places a greater debt burden on the balance of residents and drives up the rents required to service it.

[As noted in Thematic Response 8, the 100 units of faculty housing have been deleted as a potential future Hill Campus use in the 2020 LRDP. The responses below thus refer to 100 rather than the 200 units analyzed in the Draft EIR.]

While UC Berkeley has extensive experience with student housing, it has almost no experience with faculty or staff housing, and therefore must be cautious in the amount of resources it commits to this new market and product type. The up to 100 units of rental faculty housing envisioned in the 2020 LRDP represents an initial pilot venture into this market. If it succeeds – in terms of both financial feasibility and its benefits to the academic enterprise – further initiatives could be pursued.

These initial 100 units of housing are prioritized for faculty rather than staff because faculty housing is an established goal of the Strategic Academic Plan.¹ However, the economics are likely to be similar, and the experience with the initial 100 units would inform future initiatives in staff as well as faculty housing. Because the purpose of the 2020 LRDP is to guide land use and capital investment, it does not directly address compensation matters, including housing subsidy programs.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C123-2

Section 3.1.9 includes the clear policy that parking displaced by new projects should be replaced. However, as the writer notes, in a dense urban setting it is not always possible to avoid some temporary effects on parking supply during construction. As LRDP Impact TRA-4 concludes, however, construction activity over the life of the 2020 LRDP is not anticipated to exceed the level of impact reflected in current baseline conditions. Also, please see calculations in Thematic Response 9 that allocate parking demand by user group.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C123-3

Although the 2020 LRDP breaks the growth of staff into academic and non-academic categories for informational purposes, in fact it is very difficult to project the precise ratio of these categories, due to the considerable and often unpredictable influences of budgets, technology, workstyles and other factors. Since the 1990-2005 LRDP, for example, the enormous advances in e-mail and the internet, and the amount of computing power available on the typical desktop, have transformed the nature of many staff functions. The methodology used in the 2020 LRDP seems a reasonable if simple one, in the absence of alternatives from the writer.

June 11, 2004

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Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report: UC Berkeley 2020
 Long Range Development Plan & Chang-Lin Tien Center for East Asian Studies

Dear Jennifer:

On behalf of the Campus Bicycle Sub-Committee, I am writing to convey concerns and comments from the committee on the Draft UC Berkeley 2020 LRDP/EIR. The goal of our comments is to ensure that the LRDP/EIR encourages and supports bicycle riding to and around the campus in an effort to increase the number of faculty, staff, students, and visitors who use bicycles as a primary commute mode.

The Bicycle Sub-committee is appointed by the Director of Parking & Transportation on behalf of the campus to formulate and recommend policy, guidelines, and procedures concerning bicycle use on the UC Berkeley campus. The Committee includes members that represent undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, and faculty. Resource staff from Parking & Transportation, Capital Projects, Physical & Environmental Planning, UC Police, Environmental Health & Safety and other departments participate as well.

Nadesan Permaul, Director of Transportation has reviewed the following comments, as the sponsoring administrator of the Campus Bicycle Sub-Committee and supports further review of the following issues.

- **LRDP: 3.1.8 Campus Housing:** promotion of bicycling may provide opportunities to expand the 2020 Housing Zone to sites that currently would be excluded because they are beyond the one-mile pedestrian limit and not near a transit hub, but could easily be accessed from campus by bicycles in the same time. By expanding the housing zone criteria to include locations within a block of a bicycle path or Berkeley bicycle boulevard the campus will have additional areas to consider for housing development.

C124-1

- **LRDP: Figure 3.1.9 Campus Park Vehicular Access and EIR Figure 4.12-7 Campus Bicycle Routes and Berkeley Recommended Bikeway Network:** It is recommended that the following potential bicycle routes be added to the figures:

C124-2

North Gate Access: Bicycle routing should be provided between Euclid Ave and Wickson Rd. This should be part of the design for the Chang-Lin Tien Center for East Asian Studies.

Barrow Lane to South Drive Connection: The LRDP should identify the consideration of a more sensible connection between Barrow Lane – a major southside campus bicycle access point and South Drive/Campanile Way. This could include studying the feasibility of a bicycle bridge crossing Strawberry Creek in the vicinity of the Old Art Gallery and Wheeler/South Hall.

C124-2

• **LRDP: Circulation Policy: Implement a Program of Strategic Investment in Campus Park and Pedestrian And Bicycle Routes:**

C124-3

Second paragraph, last sentence: in addition to investments in separating bicycle, pedestrian and vehicle traffic, consideration of well defined, shared use areas for mixed traffic would be advantageous.

See above for recommended additional bicycle routes in the campus core.

• **LRDP: 3.1.15 Hill Campus Framework: Maintain the Hill Campus as a Natural Resource for Research, Education, and Recreation, with a Focused Development on Suitable Sites:**

C124-4

The Bicycle Sub-Committee has discussed at length how bicycling, both for recreation and for commuting, in the Hill Campus can effectively co-exist with the management and preservation of the ecological habitats in the area. The current prohibition on bicycles in the hill campus is not based on any well-executed plan for multi-purpose use of the resource. Other campuses, such as UC Santa Cruz, have established policies that both allow for bicycles and preserve and help to enhance the natural resource of their upper campus. The UC Berkeley Bicycle Sub-Committee established the following guidelines in 2002 and would recommend their consideration in the LRDP/EIR:

Establish off-road bicycle riding policies for the Hill Campus areas with the following considerations:

- *Establish policies consistent with surrounding East Bay recreational facilities, such as allowing bicycles on fire roads;*
- *Allow bicycles on some designated single-track trails and/or create single-track trails for such use;*
- *Clearly mark sensitive habitats and reserve areas;*
- *Develop a volunteer bicycle enforcement program for undeveloped area of campus;*
- *Work with adjacent property owners such as LBNL, EBMUD, and East Bay Regional Parks District to establish connecting trails and to create consistent bicycle riding policies when feasible.*

• **EIR 4.12-43-44: Bicycle Impacts – LRDP Impact TRA-1:**

C124-5

The UC Berkeley Bicycle Sub-Committee established the following guidelines in 2002 and would recommend these be included as enhancements to best practices:

Establish bike-friendly design guidelines for new and remodeled facilities:

- *Establish guidelines and criteria for re-designating areas for bicycle use, including a palette of preferred materials and campus standards;*

- *Require construction plans to provide adequate exterior bicycle parking and alternate circulation during construction projects;*
- *Require all new development and substantial remodels to provide necessary bicycle amenities and bicycle access. Require that the costs of these amenities be included as part of the project budget & that funding be secured;*
- *Consider adding secure and/or covered bike parking facilities and shower facilities as part of new development and remodels;*
- *Develop criteria for allowing and/or providing secure bicycle parking in campus buildings.*

C124-5

*The campus has received a grant to develop a **Bicycle Circulation Plan** to provide convenient and safe on-campus circulation and Campus/City interface, while protecting access and safety for pedestrians and people with mobility impairments. This plan will include the following elements:*

C124-6

- *Increased north/south and east/west campus crossings;*
- *Dedicated bike lanes on Gayley Rd and Piedmont Ave;*
- *Improvements to campus perimeter and interface with City of Berkeley bike routes: specifically Bowditch/Bancroft, Center/Oxford, Hearst/Euclid, Hearst/Arch, Gayley/University Drive and at Dana/Bancroft;*
- *Convenient pathways which eliminate bicycle riding that damages landscaping and sensitive habitats and causes erosion;*
- *Establish criteria for limiting bicycles and motor vehicles access on-campus and identify bicycle traffic flow and pedestrian safety improvements that discourage the prohibition of bicycles;*
- *Safe, well-lit night bicycle routes;*
- *Create periodic bicycle improvement and maintenance plans and schedules.*

• **EIR 4.12-47-48: Transit Impacts – LRDP Impact TRA-5:**

Significant service problems are not anticipated for transit riders but the EIR does not consider the impacts that new riders who also use bicycles in their transit commute might create. For example: BART currently allows commuters to bring bicycles on the Richmond/Fremont line during commute hours due to current load factors. The EIR does not consider whether the load factors on BART associated with the 2020 LRDP will prompt BART to prohibit bicycles on this line during commute hours. Further, the EIR does not consider the impacts on the bicycle racks provided on AC Transit and BEAR Transit buses associated with the increased loads expected under the 2020 LRDP.

C124-7

• **EIR 4.12-48-53: Intersection Impacts – LRDP Mitigation Measures TRA-6a through TRA-6g; TRA-7:**

The EIR calls for the re-design and/or signalization of a variety of intersections. The Bicycle Sub-Committee wants to emphasize that importance of considering bicycle traffic, flow, safety, and access in any re-design and improvement. Sometimes what is important to automobile or truck movement may not be beneficial or could actually be detrimental to bicycles. Bicycle movement should be a high priority on any street or intersection considered for enhancement under the 2020 LRDP. Further, any roadway improvements should consider adding bicycle lanes and signing as appropriate, and signaled intersections should include bicycle amenities such as bicycle loop detectors.

C124-8

The Bicycle Sub-Committee appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important document and looks forward to your responses. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Karl Hans
Senior Environmental Scientist, Office of Environment, Health & Safety
Chair, UC Berkeley Bicycle Sub-Committee

Cc: Nadesan Permaul, Director of Transportation
Bicycle Sub-Committee Members

11.2C.124 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C124

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-1

With a very few exceptions (e.g. the intersections of San Pablo and Russell, Channing, and Virginia) the bicycle paths and boulevards identified in the Berkeley Bicycle Plan do not run through areas which the Berkeley General Plan designates as suitable for high density housing. The Housing Zone as presently defined coincides almost exactly with those areas.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-2

Figures 3.1-9 and 4.12-7 presently show a bicycle route from Euclid Avenue to Wickson Road. With respect to a more direct route from Barrow Lane to Campanile Way, the 2020 LRDP does not include such a route because no studies have as yet confirmed its feasibility. As the writer notes, further review is warranted, but also necessary before the route can be incorporated into the 2020 LRDP.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-3

In the Final EIR, the fourth paragraph under “Circulation” in section 3.1.13 has been augmented as follows:

The Campus Park presently has only one well-developed bicycle route: other paths are designated but not well developed for bicycles. As a result, cyclists often use pedestrian routes. Improvements to campus required to limit vehicle traffic should also incorporate investments to separate bicycle, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and improve paving, lighting and signage on bicycle routes. This investment program should also identify routes that are or may become suitable for mixed traffic.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-4

The writers’ suggestions regarding review of Hill Campus bicycle policy are noted. Existing prohibitions on bicycle riding in the Hill Campus could be examined by the Management Authority proposed by the 2020 LRDP for the Ecological Study Area. See page 3.1-54 of the 2020 LRDP Draft EIR.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-5

Funding for bicycle improvements cannot be ensured for every project. However, in light of the writer’s comments, Best Practice TRA-1-b has been augmented in the Final EIR to include a new final sentence: “The scoping and budgeting of individual projects will include consideration of improvements to bicycle access.”

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-6

The grant cited by the writer supports Best Practice TRA-1-b.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-7

Based on the fact that BART’s Strategic Vision supports multi-modal access to BART service, and the finding that 2020 LRDP growth in BART trips will not increase load factors on BART at the Downtown Berkeley station to over-capacity (standing room) conditions, there is no reason to anticipate that BART would prohibit bikes during commute hours due to the increased ridership with the 2020 LRDP. Similarly, the projected changes in AC Transit ridership would not be expected to change AC

Transit's policy on providing for bicyclist access. The University will continue to provide access for bicyclists on BEAR Transit shuttles, with the additional demand generated by the 2020 LRDP.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT C124-8

Although the EIR recommends modifications to several intersections as mitigations, these modifications would be designed and implemented by the City of Berkeley, not by the University. However, chapter 7 of the Berkeley Bicycle Plan includes numerous measures to incorporate bicycle-related considerations into city intersection and roadway improvements (in particular Action Steps 2.1 through 2.10), and these would inform any intersection modifications undertaken as mitigations for the 2020 LRDP.

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LETTER C126

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Yours truly,

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Andrew W. Humphrey

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C128-3

At a time when qualified students are being turned away from the University of California, basic maintenance of University buildings is deferred, custodial and maintenance staff is not retained, it seems ludicrous to undertake such a building project. It does little to fulfill the educational objectives of the University of California.

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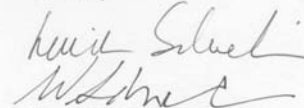
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Yours truly,



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Yours truly, *Wm & Mrs. Doug Haley*
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Yours truly,

Patricia Yereht
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Yours truly,

Bonnie Lombardi

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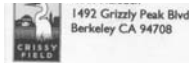
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Ruth Halbach
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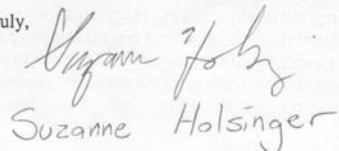
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William B. B...

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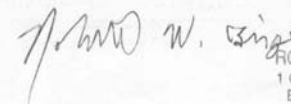
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P.S. Please don't do this.
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Yours truly,

Ronald B. Campbell
Signature Ronald B. Campbell

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Address 94708

LETTER C151

June 6, 2004

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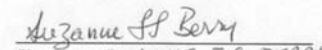
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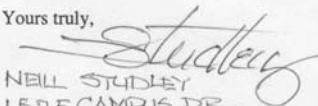
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Yours truly,


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BERKELEY, 94708

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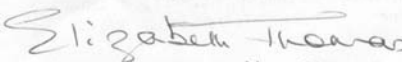
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Yours truly,


Elizabeth Thomas
1372 Summit Road, Berkeley, CA 94708

LETTER C155

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*MaryAnn Whaley,
3 Harvard Circle
Berkeley CA 94708*

**Ordinarily, I would not send a form letter, but feel this letter says what I would like to say, and expresses my feelings exactly. I have worked for the university. My husband worked*
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for the university/LBL for over 30 years. My husband and both of our children are graduates of UC Berkeley. We have the highest respect for the university as an institution of learning. However, we feel that the university is a bad neighbor, and this plan certainly intensifies our feelings. You will ruin this neighborhood if this plan goes through.

M.W.

LETTER C158

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Yours truly,

Norman Brad Bunnin 1035 Park Hills Road, Berkeley CA 94702
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11.2C.125-159 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS C125 THRU C159

The University received 138 form letters signed by individuals, objecting to the proposal for up to 100 faculty housing units in the Hill Campus: C111-C121, C125-C159, C161-C165, C167-C171, C173-C179, C182-C183, C194-C216, C219-C239, C241-C250, C257, C259, C263-C264, C267, C278-C279, C282-C283, C285-C293, and C300. A few of these letters, such as C111, include brief postscript comments, primarily objecting to the number of current UC employees whom the writers assert are parking on city streets to avoid paying UC parking fees.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS C125 THRU C159

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RE: Discontent with at least one aspect of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I love UC Berkeley. A decade and a half ago, I came to the Bay Area for an interview at UCB. It was love at first sight and I was ecstatic when I was given a position. I greatly enjoyed my years with the university and, although it has been some time since I left for a position elsewhere in the city, I still enjoy having the campus nearby.

During my years as an employee I heard numerous complaints from city residents about various things the university had done, planned to do, or ostensibly had done. Frankly, much of the commentary I found to be quite annoying as it seemed off-base and ate up a great deal of the time and energy of the administration, my boss, and even myself. I am neither a fan of the "crazies", nor a "crazy" myself. Never have I wished to burden other university employees at any level with the hassle of dealing with one more complaining citizen. For this reason, for several weeks (since a neighbor alerted me to components of the LRDP) I have been conflicted as to whether I would or would not write on this issue. Alas, I must. I feel too strongly to let it slide.

I think it is a dreadful idea to place 100 high density housing units near the top of Centennial. The area surrounding this site is congested enough as it is, please build the housing elsewhere. My memories of the Oakland Hills Fire are still near the surface. They are awakened every time I smell wildfire smoke – as I am doing this afternoon with fires burning near Hercules, Richmond, and up by Petaluma. The memory is strong: I and other university employees standing by the enclosures at the Field Station for Behavioral Research trying to decide what to do. Watering the rooftops; soon realizing it was a futile activity. Finally, with the winds continuing to blow and realizing that if they were to turn north our area would be soon engulfed, we decided to evacuate the animals. How grateful I am that we had clear sailing down to campus along Centennial. I tremble at the thought of the clogged arteries should a passel of units be squeezed into this area.

C160-1

I also have esthetic concerns. Don't misunderstand me: I am certainly no fan of eucalyptus or introduced species in general. Forty years ago, my father (who was also my mentor) was active in publicizing the immense damage that had been done to the Hawaiian ecosystem by the introduction of foreign animals and plants. He also wrote environmental impact reports and I accompanied him as he surveyed various areas in the lowlands for this purpose. Many is the time the verdict would be that no native species would be impacted should this area be developed (=built upon). But is there not some value to green space, introduced species or not? Shall we, "Pave paradise and put up a parking lot of housing" in Strawberry Canyon? Please do not. Do not do this dreadful thing, I beg you.

C160-2

Sincerely,



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 Berkeley, Ca 94708-2134
 Phone (510) 649-9009

11.2C.160 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER C160

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS C160-1 AND C160-2

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11.2C.161-165 RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTERS C161 THRU C165

The University received 138 form letters signed by individuals, objecting to the proposal for up to 100 faculty housing units in the Hill Campus: C111-C121, C125-C159, C161-C165, C167-C171, C173-C179, C182-C183, C194-C216, C219-C239, C241-C250, C257, C259, C263-C264, C267, C278-C279, C282-C283, C285-C293, and C300. A few of these letters, such as C111, include brief postscript comments, primarily objecting to the number of current UC employees whom the writers assert are parking on city streets to avoid paying UC parking fees.

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See Thematic Response 8 for a comprehensive response to comments on Hill Campus development. Due partly to comments received and partly to its uncertain near-term feasibility, faculty housing has been deleted as a potential future Hill Campus use in the 2020 LRDP. As noted in Thematic Response 8, the site formerly designated H1 has been redesignated as a reserve site, while former site H2 has been redesignated as part of the surrounding research zone.