

Resolution Regarding Delay of Student Housing West Regent Approval  
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**Whereas** “the SUA is the most qualified body to formulate and communicate the undergraduate student position at UCSC on campus-wide, system-wide and nation-wide levels.”<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas** “The SUA shall use that voice to serve the individual and collective needs of the undergraduate student body at UCSC.”<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas** “The SUA shall promote activism, civic participation, discussion, debate, and awareness of public issues.”<sup>3</sup>

**Whereas** “The Student Union Assembly shall not participate in or affiliate with any organization which discriminates (as discrimination is legally defined) on the basis of: race, color, national origin, creed, gender, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, gender identity, ancestry, ethnicity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, military status, or socioeconomic status.”<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas** The UC Santa Cruz Administration is seeking to develop Student Housing West, a Public Private Partnership which will add approximately 3000 undergraduate beds.

**Whereas** any new building on campus will have a large effect on the student body.

**Whereas** there are numerous concerns from the student body regarding Student Housing West.<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas** it has been called to question whether the Student Advisory Committee has any real power.<sup>6</sup>

**Whereas** the student body of UCSC is not fully informed about this project.

**Whereas** the 2020 Long Range Development Planning Committee has been forbidden from discussing Student Housing West.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> SUA Constitution

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<sup>3</sup> SUA Constitution

<sup>4</sup> SUA Constitution

<sup>5</sup><https://studenthousingwest.weebly.com>

<sup>6</sup> Miller Shevelev, David. SUA Meeting, Comment 2/12/2019,

<sup>7</sup><https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5aa8064bb98a7807c929fbed/t/5bdbcdc788251bdc1090d550/1541131720714/7+RDEIR+Karen+Holl+Comments.pdf>

**Whereas** over 80,000 alumni have expressed concerns for the project through a petition.<sup>8</sup>

**Whereas** the Alumni Council has clearly expressed their concerns and suggestions.<sup>9</sup>

**Whereas** the Alumni Council's concerns and suggestions were largely rebuked, in an untimely manner (six months after their initial letter), rather than implemented or considered.<sup>10</sup>

**Whereas** Alumni are former students who have deep connections with the current student body and the University.

**Whereas** University Administration has cited the student body without a direct statement from the SUA.<sup>11</sup>

**Whereas** there is no official SUA statement regarding Student Housing West yet.

**Whereas** there is an Ad-Hoc group of prominent donors, alumni, trustees, emeriti and current faculty including three former UC Regents who has authored three letters with many signatures in opposition of Student Housing West.<sup>12</sup>

**Whereas** the campus's Design Advisory Board has, in an unprecedented move, TWICE UNANIMOUSLY opposed the East Meadow site.

**Whereas** letters from Immediate Past EVC Alison Galloway and Immediate Past Campus Frank Zwart have been published with strong concerns regarding Student Housing West.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/815/978/027/save-east-meadow/>

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.dropbox.com/s/nrkzazcmjuztqfq/Council\\_Letter\\_regarding\\_Student\\_Housing\\_West\\_11.3.17.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/nrkzazcmjuztqfq/Council_Letter_regarding_Student_Housing_West_11.3.17.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.dropbox.com/s/0znbe1bwrxomtgo/April\\_10\\_2018\\_UCSC\\_Response\\_to\\_November\\_3\\_2017\\_Alumni\\_Council\\_Letter.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/0znbe1bwrxomtgo/April_10_2018_UCSC_Response_to_November_3_2017_Alumni_Council_Letter.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> "According to our current students, living off campus has not impacted their feeling of connectedness or kinship to their respective colleges" - Sue Matthews,

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[https://www.dropbox.com/s/jdt1cyuda66vm8n/JointLetter3\\_110118\\_RDEIR\\_WebsterMercadoFeinglod\\_et\\_al\\_Comments.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/jdt1cyuda66vm8n/JointLetter3_110118_RDEIR_WebsterMercadoFeinglod_et_al_Comments.pdf)

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**Let it be resolved that** SUA calls on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting in order to develop an official SUA statement regarding the project.

**Let it be resolved that** SUA requests the Alumni Council to call on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

**Let it be resolved that** SUA requests the UC Santa Cruz Foundation to call on the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

**Let it be resolved that** SUA demands Chancellor George Blumenthal ask the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

**Let it be resolved that** SUA demands Student Regent Devon Graves and Student Regent-Designate Hayley Weddle ask the UC Regents to delay the set approval of the Student housing west project scheduled for the March 13th 14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting

**Let it be resolved that** SUA demands that UC Regent and Chair of Regent Finance and Capital Strategies Hadi Makarechian delay the set approval of the Student Housing West project scheduled for the March 13th-14th, 2019 Regents Meeting at UCLA by one meeting in order for the SUA to release an official statement.