



La Jolla Community Planning Association

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To: Regents of the University of California
From: Diane Kane on behalf of LJCPA
About: UCSD Theater District Living and Learning Neighborhood

We understand that the Regents plan to vote in mid-September on UCSD's Theater District Living and Learning Neighborhood (TDLLN) project. I write on behalf of the La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA), which represents the City of San Diego regarding local land use and planning matters and so is responsible for considering many of TDLLN's local implications.

La Jolla has long welcomed and appreciated hosting UC San Diego as a productive and distinctive part of its community. For the most part town/gown relations are congenial and collaborative, but occasionally the relationship comes under stress. TDLLN is a current case in point: the project includes major changes at the campus point closest to La Jolla's core, and likely will disrupt traffic, parking, and other local conditions in ways that will require attention, mitigation, and remediation.

Recognizing this, LJCPA welcomed the University's request to present its plans at a public forum hosted by us (albeit online, given pandemic restrictions) on behalf of the community more generally. A month in advance we scheduled the forum for our September 3 meeting, setting aside much of the meeting so that the University, community advocates and opponents, and the general public would have ample opportunity to ask questions, hear explanations, and provide comments regarding TDLLN.

Unfortunately, just as we were about to publicize the forum the University decided to withdraw. It appears the University's planners wanted the forum to be essentially a presentation rather than a discussion, and/or believed that TDLLN had been fully discussed earlier in the context of the University's Master Plan. We were very disappointed by the University's decision, since it has limited options for helping the University's plans best serve campus and community with maximum benefit and minimum disruption to each. We very much wish the forum had proceeded as planned, since we believe it would have yielded useful information for the Regents.

We thought it important that you know this in advance of the September TDLLN discussion and proposed vote.