

[LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION LETTERHEAD]

September 4, 2020

University of California San Diego  
President Dr. Michael Drake and  
Board of Regents

Dear Sirs/Madams,

The La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA) understands that the University of California Regents (Regents) plan to hear the University of California San Diego's (UCSD) Theater District Living and Learning Neighborhood (TDLLN) project at your September meeting. LJCPA represents the City of San Diego regarding local land use and planning matters which is responsible for considering TDLLN's local implications.

La Jolla has long welcomed and appreciated hosting UCSD 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 will disrupt traffic, parking, and other local conditions in ways that will require attention, mitigation, and remediation.

Recognizing this, the La Jolla Community requested that UCSD present its plans at a community-wide public forum hosted by LJCPA (albeit online, given pandemic restrictions). A month in advance we scheduled the forum for our September 3 meeting. LJCPA set aside much of that meeting so UCSD, 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 LJCPA was about to publicize the forum UCSD decided to withdraw and not present. It appears the UCSD 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. LJCPA and the Community are very disappointed by the UCSD's decision, since it has limited the options for having UCSD's plans best serve campus and community with maximum benefit and minimum disruption to each. If the forum had proceeded as planned, it would have yielded useful information for the Regents.

LJCPA respectfully requests that the Regents postpone review and decision regarding TDLLN at their September 15-17 Regents Meeting until such time as the La Jolla Community and UCSD can schedule an open and interactive exchange on this critical project.

Sincerely,

La Jolla Community Planning Association

Diane Kane, President