

East Meadow Update, 4/1/20

**Dear Friends of the Meadow:**

We trust you are staying sheltered and well in this uncertain time. A moment for reflection about where we are headed.

The University's campus development plans have not, however, been put on hold.

The intent to build in the East Meadow is unchanged, and EMAC's lawsuit to prevent this destructive outcome continues. The University filed its brief in mid-March. Our lawyers are currently working to complete a response before the trial, still scheduled for early May. Many of you have contributed to the legal costs, for which we are very grateful. The overall response has been generous. But the process is costly, so we are still asking for contributions to carry us through to a verdict. (Please see our website for practical details: [eastmeadowaction.org](http://eastmeadowaction.org))

As you may know, the Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) to set parameters for the coming decades of university growth is being drafted, full steam ahead. A "scoping" period in which preliminary comments are requested from the public will close next Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. And an on-line briefing and comment session will be held later today, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6 PM. See the announcement:

<https://news.ucsc.edu/2020/03/additional-lrdp-scoping-session.html>

Written comments can be submitted until April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5PM. For your information, we attach the comment submitted by EMAC. It addresses the Meadow and related issues in the LRDP.

After the scoping period closes, the University will prepare a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which will be presented for public commentary and debate, probably in late Spring or early Summer.

We urge all those who are concerned with campus design and with the University's impact on the larger community to become involved in these crucial discussions.

With all best wishes,

**East Meadow Action Committee**  
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