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East Meadow Update, 3.7.21

Dear Friends of the Meadow:

A few days ago, Chancellor Larive announced that the University will ask the Regents to re-authorize a basically unchanged version of Student Housing West (SHW), including development in the East Meadow.

This project has been going nowhere for three and a half years because of widespread opposition and the University's refusal to modify it in a way that would get it built. This latest decision is just a continuation of the same unproductive strategy. We are dismayed to see the university continue to follow this path, to the detriment of needed student housing, of students, and of UCSC itself. As friends and supporters of UCSC, we will continue to oppose this project. It will continue to go nowhere until it is modified to be less destructive.

EMAC has filed an appeal of the decision by Santa Cruz District Court to approve the SHW Environmental Impact Report. Our attorney believes we have strong arguments that may prevail at the appellate level. We are asking—once again, with gratitude—for contributions of any size in support of this effort. Options for giving can be found at eastmeadowaction.org.

Attached you will find a letter that has been sent to the UC Regents before their meeting, March 17 and 18, when SHW will be considered. We encourage all who care about the East Meadow to send short letters, asking them to withhold approval and to encourage revision of the project. Please include the phrase "UCSC housing plan" in the message line.
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With best wishes,

East Meadow Action Committee