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An appeal to Friends of the UCSC East Meadow

From the East Meadow Action Committee (EMAC)

Previous contributions from those who care about preserving the meadow have enabled EMAC to challenge the university's destructive building project under California environmental law (CEQA). We are deeply grateful for this support.

We think we have a good chance of winning our lawsuit, an outcome that could persuade the university to adopt one of several good alternate strategies for building more campus housing without ruining an iconic site with cheap construction. Without litigation, the bulldozers will be at work this summer.

Our lawyer, William Parkin, is fully committed and has pulled together a strong initial filing. Because of the extraordinary size of the administrative record that is required for the case, and given the complex materials and issues to be worked through, the cost has been significantly more than anticipated. Additional funds are now needed to prepare a formal response to the university's brief, due in a couple of weeks, and to carry us through the court hearing, scheduled for early May. We anticipate a judgement soon after that.

We have launched a broad appeal requesting contributions. Please help if you can, and circulate this document to potential donors in your networks. We deeply appreciate your assistance, large or small, to ensure that we complete this important litigation.

East Meadow Action Committee

Ways to contribute:

1. For tax-deductible donations, please write a check to "Environment in the Public Interest" and send it with "EMAC" on the memo line, or with a note directing the contribution to EMAC. Address: EPI-Center, 1013 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo. CA 93401. If you need a Federal Tax Number to contribute, the number is: 522381905. Please send an email to eastmeadowaction@gmail.com letting us know you have chosen this method.
2. For smaller donations, also most welcome, you can make your donation at our GoFundMe site [here](#)
3. If you would like to send a non-deductible contribution by check, please use the following address: East Meadow Action Committee (c/o Karen Bassi) 217 Dickens Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

If you are considering a large donation but would like to first speak with one of the organizing committee members, please email eastmeadowaction@gmail.com.