



June 3, 2020

RE: Aggie Square Response Second Follow Up

Dear Chancellor May and Mayor Steinberg,

On March 9, 2020, the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association sent letters to Chancellor May and Mayor Steinberg, which asked numerous questions about how UC Davis and the city plan to address project impacts, and well as outlining how to both deepen and meaningfully engage the community in Aggie Square planning (see attached letter). Others, including Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, Senator Richard Pan, and City Councilmen Jay Schenirer and Eric Guerra were copied on the letter. Our letter, sent several weeks prior to the full effects of Covid-19 being known, asked for a response by April 15, 2020.

We eventually received a response from UC Davis Chief Government and Community Relations Officer Mabel Salon who, citing the pandemic, asked for more time and indicated we would receive a response by the first week of May.

We also received a response from Councilman Schenirer's Chief of Staff Allison Joe, dated May 12, 2020, indicating we could have some of the answers we sought in a "couple of weeks." Also on the same date, we received a request from City of Sacramento Chief Innovation Officer Louis Stewart requesting, "to review and answer your questions" by the "beginning of June."

As of June 1, we have not yet received any responsive answers to our March 9, 2020 inquiry, nor a date certain as to when we might receive those responses.

Further, we have received no response from Chancellor May or Mayor Steinberg to who our letter was addressed.

We fully appreciate the amount of added work and pressure Covid-19 has brought about for all, but we are also aware that plans for Aggie Square continue to be worked on by UC Davis and City of Sacramento officials and staff.

We believe that an engaged community is essential and would benefit your process, and we respectfully request that you provide us with written answers to our March 9, 2020 letter by June 15, 2020. If by that date more time is needed to answer certain questions, we ask that, at a minimum, you provide us with answers you do have, and an estimation as to when further answers will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your consideration for our concerns,

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President, Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association

c: Senator Richard Pan
Assemblymember Kevin McCarty
Councilmember Eric Guerra
Councilmember Jay Schenirer



March 9, 2020

RE: Aggie Square Response

Dear Chancellor May and Mayor Steinberg,

Since the announcement in April 2018 of the UC Davis and City of Sacramento's partnership for the creation of Aggie Square, the neighbors and communities surrounding the UC Davis Health campus have looked forward to meaningful discussions and opportunities for significant input into the new development.

I am writing on behalf of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association to inform you that the community outreach that has taken place has lacked meaningful engagement, and questions raised during discussions have gone unanswered. We request that you ensure continued community outreach that is more vigorous and meaningful and that there is a commitment to listen to, and incorporate, the practical concerns of local residents. Specifically, we request the following items be addressed and answered:

- Members of the community have direct meaningful input with Wexford Science & Technology, UC Davis, and the City of Sacramento as they develop plans for Phase I of Aggie Square.
- Community input on any future Requests for Proposals (RFPs) which would include, but not be limited to, the types of businesses, structures, and business functions that will be tenants/partners in Aggie Square. UC Davis and the City should also include the affected neighborhoods in any announcements related to new projects/programs in the Aggie Square area, including advance information before any public announcement.
- A comprehensive plan which includes strategies and concrete steps both the City and UC Davis will take to reduce the number of employees and vendors who drive to the UC Davis Health campus in single-occupancy vehicles.
 - What is UC Davis doing now, and what will it do in the future, to incentivize staff who are daily car commuters to use other forms of transportation?
 - What will the City and UC Davis do to mitigate the impacts of additional traffic on the Broadway/Stockton Blvd. /14th Ave. corridors as Aggie Square develops and reaches its final build-out?
 - How is Sacramento Regional Transit involved in the planning?
 - A transportation demand management plan, with a schedule and timeline for the development and implementation of the plan.
- A specific plan to address housing and affordability for residents and neighbors of Aggie Square. The City and UC Davis have indicated the City will take responsibility for the development of affordable housing for residents/neighbors of Aggie Square. Lately, we have heard only of housing for UC Davis students and employees. While the affordable housing trust fund is an excellent first step and the money identified from the trust fund will alleviate current demand for affordable housing in the City, it will not accommodate the influx of new residents to the area.
 - What is the City and UC Davis' plan to ensure long-time residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, including Oak Park, South Oak Park, Tahoe Park, Elmhurst, Fruitridge Manor, and Colonial Heights are not displaced due to rent increases and the limited affordable housing inventory?

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- A definition of “gentrification” from the City and UC Davis. What specific measures will the City and UC Davis take to address the downsides of gentrification that will result from the development of Aggie Square?
- An overview and specific information about what efforts have been made to ensure local jobs result from Aggie Square and the specific actions the City and UC Davis will take to ensure jobs for local residents. During early Aggie Square meetings, representatives indicated neighbors/residents in the area most affected by the development would have access to jobs created by the project.
 - What efforts have been made to include jobs in the Aggie Square equation?
 - What specific actions will the City and UC Davis take to ensure jobs for residents?
 - What is being done to outreach with the community or potential employers for job matching?
 - Are the jobs temporary construction opportunities or long-term opportunities that have the potential for growth and higher wages?
 - What the City and UC Davis will do to support project labor agreements and prevent contracting out of union jobs?

We respectfully request a written response by April 15, 2020. Following your response, we would also like to meet with you to discuss how these commitments will be implemented and adhered to. We look forward to contributing to the success of Aggie Square and strengthening our communities through mutual efforts.

Sincerely,



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