

## Update for Community Groups – February 2017

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### HOUSING \* DINING \* HOSPITALITY BY THE NUMBERS

- **12,992 STUDENTS HOUSED (GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE) AS OF 10/1/16**
- **5.7M+ SQ. FT. OF SPACE**
- **400 BUILDINGS RANGING IN AGE FROM 4-51 YEARS**
- **\$37M+ ANNUAL MORTGAGE COMMITMENT ON EXISTING BUILDINGS**
- **\$8M+ ANNUAL FACILITY UTILITY CHARGES**
- **600+ CAREER STAFF**
- **1,100+ STUDENTS EMPLOYED (LARGEST CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYER)**
- **24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR STAFFING PROVIDED REGARDLESS OF HOLIDAYS**

### PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at <http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html> is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where major campus projects are identified by location and are linked to detailed project information sheets.

### ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE

#### MESA HOUSING NUEVO WEST AND EAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The University of California, San Diego (UC San Diego) proposes to build the Mesa Housing Nuevo West and East project consists of two campus housing developments and a shared parking structure with approximately 1,200 spaces, located on separate, but proximate sites within the Mesa Housing Neighborhood on the University of California, San Diego, East Campus. The proposed project would replace decades old, low-density student housing comprising a total of 436 beds, with higher-density apartment style buildings (approximately 1,900 beds) that are environmentally responsible in design and construction.

A Notice of Preparation for the Mesa Housing Nuevo West and East can be found at [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub\\_notice.html](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub_notice.html). The 30-day scoping period began January 19<sup>th</sup> and ends at 5:00 PM on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Comments on the proposed scope and content of the project EIR can be mailed to:

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The Mesa Nuevo West and East project EIR will be tiered from the 2004 LRDP EIR (SCH No. 2003081023), which was certified by the Regents of the University of California on September 23, 2004, and as updated by the East Campus Bed Tower project EIR (SCH No. 2009081053), which was certified by the Regents on July 13, 2010.

Demolition, site improvements and building construction are anticipated to begin towards the end of 2017, and, the project is estimated to take approximately 24 months to complete. The proposed project is anticipated to be partially occupied by fall 2019. Construction staging is anticipated to occur within a designated area located on site.

In accordance with the UC Student Housing President's Initiative, the project would address the current demand for affordable on-campus housing and assist the campus in meeting its 2004 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) goal of housing at least 50 percent of UC San Diego students on campus.

## NEWS

### [UC SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION](#)

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus development projects is available on the UC SAN DIEGO Physical and Community Planning website at <http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu>

### [UC SAN DIEGO NEWS](#)

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### [TENZIN GYATSO, HIS HOLINESS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DALAI LAMA TO SPEAK AT UC SAN DIEGO COMMENCEMENT](#)

By Judy Piercey and Christine Clark

*The exiled spiritual head and leader of the Tibetan people will address graduating students at commencement in June 2017. He will also speak at a second event on campus open to the public.*

The University California San Diego, one of the top 15 research universities in the world and recognized for its contributions to the public good, in partnership with The Friends of the Dalai Lama Foundation, founded by Ven. Lama Tenzin Dhonden the Personal Emissary for Peace to His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, today announced that the exiled spiritual head and leader of the Tibetan people will offer the keynote address at the invitation-only UC San Diego All Campus Commencement June 17, 2017. His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama will also speak June 16 at a second event, which will be open to the public. This will be his first 2017 U. S. tour stop.



*Last October, Chancellor Khosla met His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India.*

UC San Diego and thankful that he will share messages of global compassion with our graduates and their families, as well as with a broad public audience,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “A man of peace, the Dalai Lama promotes global responsibility and service to humanity. These are the ideals we aim to convey and instill in our students and graduates at UC San Diego.”

In 1989, His Holiness was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent struggle for the liberation of Tibet. He also became the first Nobel laureate to be recognized for his concern for global environmental problems. His Holiness has travelled to more than 62 countries spanning six continents, receiving over 84 awards, honorary doctorates, prizes and other recognition of his message of peace, nonviolence, interreligious understanding, universal responsibility and compassion. He has also authored more than 80 books.

Chancellor Khosla added, “We are grateful to Lama Tenzin Dhonden for making the visit of His Holiness to UC San Diego possible. In 2012, he spoke at our campus; we are so pleased that His Holiness will be here again in 2017.”

“This shall be a very special visit. San Diego loves His Holiness. His Holiness will come to San Diego to share an authentic message of peace and human value as the students enter their professional lives. The seeds of kindness and compassion shall sprout through their future work and spread these basic values throughout the world. Parents and members of the community will be able to share the celebration of graduation while receiving this message,” said Lama Tenzin Dhonden.

Friends of the Dalai Lama is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since 2000, Lama Tenzin has personally overseen the creation and planning of large-scale and elite events held at public and private venues throughout the United States for His Holiness. Lama Tenzin founded Friends of the Dalai Lama to be fully dedicated to assisting His Holiness in sharing his vision and message of peace and compassion with the world.

The two UC San Diego events featuring the Dalai Lama include:

- ❖ Saturday, June 17, 2017: The invitation-only UC San Diego All Campus Commencement on RIMAC Field at UC San Diego.
- ❖ Friday, June 16, 2017: An event open to the public on RIMAC Field at UC San Diego. (Details will be released at a later date.)

His Holiness, Tenzin Gyatso, describes himself as a simple Buddhist monk. He was born July 6, 1935 to a farming family in a small hamlet located in Taktser, Amdo in northeastern Tibet. At the very young age of two, the child (who was named Lhamo Dhondup at that time) was recognized as the reincarnation of the previous 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso. The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and the patron saint of Tibet. Bodhisattvas are believed to be enlightened beings who have postponed their own nirvana and chosen to take rebirth in order to serve humanity.

Note to Media: Press credentials will be required for all reporters and photographers. To register for press credentials, contact Christine Clark at 858-534-7618 or [ceclark@ucsd.edu](mailto:ceclark@ucsd.edu). Security for the Dalai Lama will be managed by the U.S. Department of State, which will determine security guidelines. More information to come.