

Update for Community Groups – March 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 REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION

A revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Mesa Housing Nuevo West and East project is being circulated for public review as part of the scoping process. This notice is available at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/environmental/pub_notice.html and is the same project whose NOP was recently circulated. During the NOP scoping period, at the direction of The Regents of the University of California, leadership determined that the proposed project development density should be increased to further assist with the University wide student housing crisis. Therefore, in response to this request, UC San Diego plans to increase the bed count of the Nuevo East by 400, and therefore is reissuing the NOP for the project EIR.

All comments received in response to the first NOP will be considered during the preparation of the EIR. If written comments were made on the first NOP, they do not need to be made again unless the modified project description would change the nature of the previous scoping comment.

The proposed project consists of two campus housing developments and a shared parking structure located on separate, but proximate sites within the 87-acre Mesa Housing Neighborhood located on the East Campus of the UC San Diego. The proposed project would replace low-density student housing with higher-density apartment buildings that are environmentally responsible in design and construction. In accordance with the UC Student Housing Initiative, the project would address the current demand for affordable on-campus housing, which exceeds the supply, and assist the campus in meeting its Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) goal of housing at least 50 percent of UC San Diego students on campus. The project would provide a total of approximately 1,870 net new beds—primarily for graduate students, and possibly a small group of upper division undergraduates if needed to meet demand; 80 beds for the UC San Diego Family House which would serve as a housing facility to accommodate temporary stays for UC San Diego Health System patients and their families; structured and surface parking; and supporting facilities within the Mesa Housing Neighborhood.

The public scoping period for the Revised NOP began Thursday, February 23, 2017 and closes Friday, March 24, 2017. Your scoping comments must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 5:00 PM on March 24, 2017. Comments on the proposed scope of the project EIR can be emailed to: env-review@ucsd.edu, or mailed to:

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[A SEAT AT THE TABLE](#)

By Laurel Wilkinson and Christine Clark

New inclusive campus eatery featuring joint halal and kosher international cuisine quickly becomes one of most popular campus dining destinations

“Classifications and distinctions based on race or color have no moral or legal validity in our society; they are contrary to our constitution and laws.” Such is the message on the doors to Thurgood Marshall College’s newly renovated Ocean View dining hall. Spoken by the college’s namesake, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, the words highlight the principles of diversity and equality central to the new campus eatery.

After undergoing an extensive remodel, the dining hall hosted a grand re-opening last month to celebrate, among other things, the addition of an internationally themed joint halal and kosher kitchen, Spice. The renovated eatery is the result of collaboration between UC San Diego’s Muslim Student Association; the Union of Jewish Students; Housing, Dining and Hospitality; and Thurgood Marshall College. It is one of the first dining halls to feature both halal and kosher food in the UC System and is the first out of 10 campuses to remain open 24/7.

Ocean View has already earned a reputation among students as one of the best dining halls on campus. Featuring three new kitchens (Spice Kitchen, Third Kitchen, and the open-24/7-Counter Culture) that serve everything from hot international cuisine to stone-hearth pizzas, salads and gelato, the dining hall has quickly become a highly coveted dining and study spot.

“We’re thrilled Ocean View has received such a warm welcome from UC San Diego and the surrounding community,” said Mark Cunningham, assistant vice chancellor for Housing, Dining and Hospitality.

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He added that the initiative began in 2014 when a coalition of students from the Union of Jewish Students and Muslim Student Association approached Housing, Dining and Hospitality to make their vision of increased kosher and halal options a reality.

“After extensive planning and construction, Ocean View’s re-opening marks a triumph not only for students of Jewish and Muslim faith, but for all students on campus, as it serves the university’s larger mission to create a diverse and inclusive environment for the campus community,” said Cunningham.

Freshman Nora Yagolnitsner eats at Spice Kitchen daily and feels that its menu educates students in multiple ways. “Bringing a kosher/halal kitchen and international dining hall to campus is awesome, because while I’m discovering that I love Thai food, someone else is eating the same entrée and discovering that kosher or halal food actually tastes good! We’re all becoming more open, aware and understanding of other cultures.”

Ocean View has also transformed into a new cultural hub: every Friday night, the venue serves as the home of UC San Diego Hillel’s Shabbat on campus. Each week, the student organization, directed by Rabbi David Singer, hosts a free kosher dinner overlooking the Pacific Ocean in honor of the beginning of the Sabbath.

“The joint halal and kosher kitchen sends a message to all students: that all students matter,” said Singer. “We are a smorgasbord of diverse students that come together through the culture of academia, and the new Ocean View is an extraordinary example of what is possible when we collaborate.”

Indeed, the building is quite a tribute to diversity and social justice. Featuring floor-to-ceiling murals of Thurgood Marshall, the space itself functions as a reminder of the campus’s values and the college’s unique goals to cultivate cultural and social competency among its students.

“Ocean View coincides perfectly with Marshall’s efforts to educate its students about cultural diversity,” Yagolnitsner said.

Third-year transfer student Carina Garcia agrees; the international relations and sociology major enjoys the wide variety of cuisine offered at the three stations, and also believes that Ocean View’s commitment to providing diverse cuisines is a key to its popularity among students. Featuring a rotating menu that alternates between Asian, Indonesian, Middle Eastern, North African, Mediterranean and Cajun cuisine, Spice Kitchen allows students to experience a variety of flavors and cultures far beyond the typical burger and fries traditionally found on college campuses.

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