



September 15, 2020

Chancellor Gillman asked that I respond to your concerns regarding potential construction impacts associated with the redevelopment of the Las Lomas apartments site ("Area 12"), as described in your email of August 31. We greatly appreciate the efforts by all members of the campus community to contribute to UCI's continued excellence during this difficult time.

The campus is continuing to review the project with the UC Regents and the Office of the President. As a result, the project is not yet approved by the UC Regents. Thus, we do not expect demolition to occur until Spring 2021 at the earliest, providing additional time for community engagement.

The redevelopment of Area 12 will provide affordable housing to many faculty waiting for such assistance. We recognize the proposed project will temporarily affect many current residents of University Hills. UCI and our development partner, the Irvine Campus Housing Authority, share your concerns about construction-related noise and dust and are committed to ensuring that potential impacts are minimized and addressed. Noise and air quality assessments conducted in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act will be available for your review and comment. (We are in receipt of the scholarly article linked to your email and will review it carefully.) UCI and ICHA will host community meetings to receive your feedback on these and other aspects of the proposed project. I will have Janet Mason, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Capital Planning and Space Management reach out to you to discuss further.

Thank you for sharing your concerns. UCI and ICHA will be sending out a communication shortly to the broader University Hills community. In addition, we will provide periodic updates as this project advances.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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