For Faculty, Staff and Recruits: A Guide to University Hills Faculty/Staff Housing

New Home Update – *In February 2025, the UC Regents approved the design for the second phase of new home construction on the current Las Lomas site (Area 12). For more information, please visit the Area 12 Project Page on* ***icha.uci.edu****. Faculty, Staff and Recruits should be aware that the annual supply of FOR-SALE housing available in University Hills has been declining in recent years (see table below). At the same time, a larger percentage of new recruits have been applying to the waitlist. While ICHA cannot guarantee a home, applicants can maximize their opportunity to purchase in University Hills by following best practices:*

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1. ***Submit application as early as possible*** *(candidates DO NOT need an offer of employment to apply).*
2. ***List as many model types as possible*** *on the application (single family, condominiums, townhomes).*
3. ***Be open to all offers or opportunities for a home****. Be sure to speak to the ICHA Sales Department before rejecting any opportunities.*

Housing Availability Since 2021

Year	Resales	New Homes	Total
July 2025-July 2026	26	0	28
July 2024-July 2025	22	104	126
July 2023-July 2024	28	0	28
July 2022-July 2023	21	0	21
July 2021-July 2022	25	0	25

About Waitlist Categories

Senate Faculty remain in the highest category of the resale home waitlist for several years after their appointment date. ICHA and UCI review and update this definition each Fall. The current definition of a "New Recruit" is a member of the Academic Senate appointed on or after 7/2/2023. View the priority categories/home offer process fact sheet at https://icha.uci.edu/for-sale-housing/

About the Resale Homes Waitlist

The resale home waitlist is separate from the new home drawing. The date when applicants apply for a resale home determines their placement on the resale home waitlist.

Provost Exception to Waitlist Categories

- **Provosts' Priority List** - Per the terms of the Ground Sublease, Provost, acting on behalf of the University, can approve a Designee from any category for a new or resale home. Persons may specify 1) Model Numbers, 2) Maximum Price, and 3) Minimum Lot Size.
- **Deans' Priority List** - A school dean can submit a request to the VPAP for a new recruit or a retention faculty to be considered for an exception. Persons may specify 1) Model Numbers and 2) Maximum Price.
- In both cases, no other characteristics of a home will be considered, including streets, lots based on location or view, identity of neighbors, a specific home or list of specific addresses and features of a home. Exceptional Status expires when the designee either buys a home or turns down their opportunities for homes matching their stated preferences. After their designated opportunities have been rejected, the Designee will be returned to the same placement on the waitlist prior to the exceptional status. After a home purchase, the Designee will be removed from the waitlist.

Introducing Recruits to ICHA and the For-Sale Housing Waitlist

1. Faculty Recruitment Department or the Recruit may arrange an appointment to review the faculty/staff housing program with ICHA. Please email the Sales Department at ***sales@icha.uci.edu*** to schedule a 45-minute overview.

2. Housing Applications

The ICHA Sales team will request from the candidate a completed ***Resale Home application*** to join the waitlist.
The application submission date determines placement on the waitlist. The Sales team will also introduce the candidate to University Hills Rental Opportunities as interim housing while they wait to be offered a home.

3. Faculty, Staff and Recruits are always welcome to follow up with the ICHA Sales Department to check in on their status, ask questions or modify their floorplan/series preferences.

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