













UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2019

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University Community Plan Update Survey

COMMUNITY PLAN CONTEXT

The City of San Diego is in the process of updating the University Community Plan. Community plans work with the City's General Plan to guide growth and development within community planning areas over the next 20 to 30 years.

The current University Community Plan was originally adopted in 1987 and has undergone several amendments to address changing conditions. The Community Plan Update (CPU) will:

- Establish an updated vision and key objectives that align with community priorities;
- Analyze current land use designations and changes in demographics;
- Evaluate demand for housing and development while accounting for climate change and environmental impacts,
- Factor in the extension of the Blue Line Trolley service to University and other transit connections; and
- Ensure that Community Plan policies and recommendations remain consistent with the General Plan, citywide, and regional policies.

For access to the full survey report and more information on the CPU planning process, visit: <u>https://www.planuniversity.org</u>

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The survey received 1,607 responses. Overall, 70 percent of respondents identified as University Community residents, 35 percent are employed in the University Community, and 33 percent are property owners.

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PRIORITIES

The survey provided a list of six key priorities:

• Canyons and open space are protected as community assets



MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

Survey respondents placed pins on locations they would like to see mixed-use (retail, office, and multi-family) development within the University Community Plan Area. Most pins were placed in areas where retail or office uses already exist, including the area surrounding Nobel Drive and the areas between Executive Drive and the UTC Transit Center. A high concentration of pins were placed along Governor Drive at the Regents Road and Genesee Avenue intersections.





NON-RESIDENTIAL USES TO INCREASE

Survey respondents were provided with seven potential types of non-residential development and had to indicate the level of increase they preferred for each type on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being a high increase and 1 being no increase. Restaurants, Cafes, and Bars received the highest average score, with over 77 percent of respondents indicating a high increase in development (4 or 5 score). Hotel development received the lowest average score, with only 15 percent indicating a high increase in development (4 or 5 score).



5 - High Increase 4 3 2 I-No Increase

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

Survey respondents placed pins on areas they would like to see multi-family housing development within the University Community Plan Area. Locations identified for multi-family housing were dispersed throughout the Plan Area. Many pins were placed along the area west of the UC San Diego campus and in the area surrounded by Eastgate Mall, Miramar Road, and I-805. While many pins were placed in existing residential areas, respondents also identified locations of shopping centers, on empty lots, and near office parks.





MOBILITY

The survey allowed respondents to place pins on a map to indicate where they would like to see transit, vehicle/roadway, bicycle network, and pedestrian improvements. The following heatmaps show the concentration of survey responses and mobility improvements within the University Community Plan Boundary.

ALL MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS



TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS



VEHICLE/ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS



BICYCLE NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS



5 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS





PARKS

Survey respondents placed pins on locations they would like to see new parks developed or existing parks improved. The highest concentration of pins were placed on areas close to existing park facilities including Marcy Park, Rose Canyon Open Space, Standley Park, and University Gardens Park. Improved hiking/walking trails, integrated pedestrian connections, picnic areas and benches, and bathrooms were among the top park amenities identified by survey respondents.

DESIRED PARK AMENITIES



PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENTS









