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Shari Hammond, Principal Planner  
University of California, Santa Barbara

RE: Munger Residence Hall Notice of Preparation and 2010 LRDP Amendment

Dear Ms. Hammond,

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization. We encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League supports measures to increase the supply of safe, decent, and adequate housing for all. The League of Women Voters was a part of the Agreement between the University of California, Santa Barbara and Sustainable University Now (SUN), where the University committed to the production of student, faculty and staff housing in conjunction with the 2010 Long Range Development Plan. The University is woefully behind in producing that housing. This project represents a significant effort to provide the student housing committed to in that agreement.

The League of Women Voters offers the following comments on the Notice of Preparation and the associated proposed amendment to the 2010 Long Range Development Plan:

Notice of Preparation

The Notice of Preparation is generally thorough in identifying impact areas for study in the Munger EIR. However, we suggest two areas be further considered:

1. Air Quality – The NOP indicates that relocation of the facilities management functions to offsite would result in similar impacts to the existing facilities, and seems to dismiss further study of the relocation. We suggest that the trips and associated air quality impacts from the new location to the campus be studied in the EIR.
2. Transportation – The League specifically requests that the EIR identify any increase or change in peak hour trips or average daily trips and vehicle miles travelled that would result from the project,

including relocation of the facility management functions to the offsite location. We also request that the analysis include a discussion of consistency with the LRDP agreements with Sustainable University Now, the City of Goleta and the County of Santa Barbara with respect to transportation impacts, particularly in light of the proposed change in policy to prohibit freshmen from bringing cars to campus. The analysis should also evaluate the feasibility and methods of enforcing this change in policy.

Long Range Development Plan Amendment

With respect to the LRDP Amendment, the League is committed to ensuring that the University provide the promised faculty and staff housing, as well as the student housing identified in the 2010 LRDP. We request that the LRDP Amendment include details of a new location on campus for the 200 faculty, staff, and/or family housing that will be displaced by the Munger project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP and LRDP Amendment associated with the Munger student housing project.

Regards,



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