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RE: UC Hall Renovation project

Dear Barbara,

We have written and spoken at UCSF Community meetings previously about our concerns about the UC Hall renovation project and its impact upon the quality of life in the 5th Ave and Kirkham corner of the Inner Sunset, a neighborhood directly adjacent to the Parnassus campus which holds UC Hall.

In reviewing a number of planning documents, there are three parts of the construction planning that concern us greatly. We identify them below and provide reasonable alternatives for mitigating the negative effects that will be borne by our neighborhood.

UC Hall truck loading annex / West Plaza loading

When the UCSF dental clinic was built, it restricted access to the back of campus to one route: through the 5th Ave and Kirkham intersection, a road not designed for heavy truck or high volume traffic. The increasing amount of traffic going through this intersection is the crux of the conflict with the neighbors around 5th and Kirkham.

You have displayed plans for a West Plaza Loading area at the western end of UC Hall. Relocating truck loading here from the back of campus would relieve some pressure on the traffic in the 5th and Kirkham neighborhood. We urge you to pursue this course.

Staging area for construction (possibly on the demolished Rad Lab site)

UCSF plans show the destruction of the Rad Lab and re-purposing of it for a contractor staging area. We assume that it is this location that will hold materials as they are brought onsite for renovation of UC Hall. We strongly suggest that for the benefit of all the neighbors, that you collect all materials at an offsite loading area where you fill a truck, and then once per week, bring that truck over for unloading at the site. We discourage you from having material for renovation delivered directly from vendors or contractors to the site itself.

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Secondly, we recommend you deliver material for construction to the Parnassus side for use in the UC Hall renovation, possibly using the West Side Plaza as a material staging area. Parnassus is a far more commercial-grade street and more appropriate to this traffic.

Contractor Parking at demolished MR4 site

UCSF plans show the MR4 building will be demolished, and it's current plan is to use it as a Contractor parking site for the UC Hall renovation. The only access by car to the MR4 space is through the already controversial 5th Ave and Kirkham intersection. Furthermore, contractors are the least likely vehicles to be able to schedule, as they often don't even work for UCSF, but are many layers of contractor removed from direct financial relationship with the University.

UCSF will have little control over how often they decide to come and go, especially if they have been given a parking lot for their exclusive use.

We strongly recommend that you use existing UCSF parking garages accessible from Parnassus, or the demolished site of 735 Parnassus as a parking area for contractors.

We hope you will faithfully implement these suggestions in the spirit of cooperation and reasonableness they have been offered.

Yours truly,

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