

POLICY TITLE GROWTH PRINCIPLES FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SYSTEM

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Growth Principles for University of California System (see attached), developed and adopted by the Association of University Cities, is used as a basic policy guide in the City's dealings with the UCSC campus, the UC system, the state legislature, and the governor.

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INTRODUCTION

This set of "Growth Principles" has been adopted by the Association of University Communities, and by various local governments of the communities in which a campus of the University of California is located. These principles articulate what the affected local governments believe is a reasonable and responsible position, with respect to the impacts that the proposed future growth of the University of California system can have on the communities which host a UC campus.

The local governments adopting this set of growth principles request that the UC Regents, the UC systemwide Administration, local campus Chancellors and administrators, and the State Legislature and the Governor take all actions necessary to ensure that the future growth of the UC system proceeds in accordance with the principles outlined herein.

AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Historically, this State has been committed to ensuring that the University of California provides the most excellent education possible to the citizens of California. The State has supported the efforts of the University to grow, when such University growth was necessary and desirable to meet the educational needs of our citizens.

In the past, the State has permitted the University system to grow without a great deal of specific reference to the impacts that campus growth might have in the local communities in which the UC campus are located. Local communities have been expected simply to "take up the slack," and to accommodate and mitigate the impacts of any campus growth that occurred. This seemed logical and reasonable from both the State and local perspective. University administrators could focus on the academic mission of the University. They did not need to become "city planners." Growth decisions within the University could proceed with relatively little need for the University system to consider community impacts, but such impacts did not go unaddressed. Affected cities and counties were able to provide necessary local services, and it appeared to make logical sense to assign the responsibility for providing such necessary services, and for mitigating community impacts, to the affected local governments.

The present-day growth of the University of California system is taking place within a completely different context, and the former assignments of responsibility for UC growth, as between the University and the affected local governments, are no longer

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working to produce acceptable results for the University; for the affected local governments; or for the local communities themselves. This is true because:

- * The private housing market no longer "automatically" produces the necessary housing to meet the new demands created by new UC growth within a local community.
- * Local governments can no longer finance necessary services and improvements required to accommodate UC campus growth. The financial transformations associated with Proposition 13, and subsequent tax reform measures, have radically reduced the ability of local governments to carry out their former role of "taking up the slack," and accommodating and mitigating the impacts of UC growth. The infusion of State financial resources, to meet community impacts, is now necessary when growth is proposed for a local UC campus.

The local communities in which UC campuses are located support the efforts of the University system to meet the increasing educational needs of the citizens of this State, and these communities support and approve the growth of the University, when such growth is needed to continue this State's commitment to educational excellence. However, the local communities which host a UC campus, and the Association of University Communities, which represents these communities on a statewide basis, insist that it is both reasonable and responsible to demand that the future growth of the University of California system follow the growth principles specified below.

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1. Planning: Growth at each UC campus shall proceed according to a written plan, adopted for that campus, which may be amended from time to time. The adopted growth plan for the campus population, and the rate of growth proposed for the campus. The University shall not permit growth in excess of the growth specified in the adopted plan, unless the University undertakes and completes a formal review, revision, and amendment of the plan.
2. Consultation With Local Government: In the adoption and amendment of the growth plan for the campus, the University shall fully consult with each affected local government, including each affected city, county, and school district or other special district. A reasonable

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2. (continued) opportunity shall be provided for the affected local governments to comment on a proposed campus growth plan. Such opportunity to comment shall be provided both prior to the formulation of the proposed growth plan, before initial decisions have been made by the University, and after formulation of the proposed plan, but before final adoption. The consultation process shall be governed by a written memorandum between the campus and the affected local governments, outlining in advance the consultative process that will be followed.
3. Mitigation Measures: The campus growth plan shall require the University to mitigate any identified community impacts associated with the growth proposed for the campus, including the following impacts:
 - * Provision of an adequate housing supply, to be provided concurrently with proposed new campus growth.
 - * Provision of adequate traffic, transportation and parking mitigation measures, so that new campus growth does not cause a deterioration in the traffic, transportation, and parking situation in existence prior to any permitted campus growth or expansion.
 - * Provision of adequate mitigation for any social program impacts determined to be associated with permitted campus growth or expansion, specifically including any impacts on childcare opportunities within the community, and on elementary and secondary education.
 - * Provision of adequate mitigation for any new demands placed on the sewer system and water system infrastructure maintained by any affected local government, when such new demands exceed existing capacities and are caused by permitted campus growth.
 - * Provision of replacement financing for affected local governments, if any permitted campus growth or expansion results in the reduction of property tax revenues or other tax revenues which were available to an affected local government prior to the permitted growth or expansion, or if such permitted campus growth imposes new local government costs.

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Mitigation measures for the impacts caused by permitted campus growth or expansion shall be provided in advance of, or concurrently with, the new growth or expansion that causes the impacts; provided, however, that the University may make specific agreements with any affected local government that will allow the University to provide required mitigation subsequent to the new growth causing the impacts.