

# UCSC Growth Plan Released

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UCSC Chancellor Robert Stevens invited the press into his office and put a bright face forward for town-gown relations Tuesday morning, when he and his staff offered the university's much-delayed Long Range Development Plan to public scrutiny.

According to Stevens, the LRDP and its accompanying Environmental Impact Report — plans to guide the campus toward its eventual size of 15,000 students — represent a peaceful overture to the Santa Cruz city and county governments. "It sends all the signals that we've been trying to send [to the community] for the past 12 months.

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It represents a long travail of trying to make certain that we did the right things."

This LRDP is a final, revised version of a plan that was all but ready to go out the door last spring. At that time, the LRDP was over a year behind schedule, but university lawyers advised UC administrators that they scrap it and draft another plan that would be impervious to lawsuits.

This final effort, sans the specific commitments that could have encouraged suits from the city or concerned citizens, consists of a number of items responding to city complaints that the university does not pay for its

burden on the community. These include:

- University police will help manage traffic and parking in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus
- The administration will pay for 50 percent of the costs of an eastern access road, presumably to be built through the Pogonip to campus
- The university will take on a "fair share" of costs going toward upgrades to the city water system, construction of new sewer mains, improvements to Mission Street and other work on intersections directly affected by UCSC traffic.
- 70 percent of undergraduates



Stevens courts the press

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will be housed on campus as well as a significant portion of graduate students, faculty and staff. The amount of construction on campus will virtually double, much of it to accommodate the housing

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John Laird's reaction to the LRDP and its overtures was lukewarm at best. "It appears that the university believes that an enrollment of 15,000 can be mitigated, and I think that the question the city needs to ask is, Are these mitigations enough to do it?" •