

# UCSC Loss Wouldn't Be A Loss: Liddicoat

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If Jarvis II passes and results in the closing of the UCSC campus "it will be no loss at all, and still clean up the problems on the Santa Cruz Mall," county Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat said late Monday afternoon.

Her statement came after she withdrew from a fund-raising musical program set for Feb. 1 on the Santa Cruz campus, saying, "I was told that if I appeared, students would demonstrate against me."

A few students said they would protest because Liddicoat has become an active supporter of Jarvis II, and its 50 percent cut of state income tax is expected to result in a possible 25 percent reduction in university funds.

Sherwood Dudley, an associate music professor at UCSC, acknowledged that word had

been passed to Liddicoat that "three or four students told me they would protest her singing on campus because of her support for Jarvis II."

He added, "There may have been no demonstration at all, or I suspect, if any it would have been an orderly picket line, such as you might see at a Safeway store." Nevertheless, Liddicoat said the threatened "demonstration" made her choose to withdraw "because people yelling outside does nothing to enhance beautiful music, and I don't want to do anything that hurts the fund-raising performance."

She also said she had been told UC President David Saxon is telling the chancellors that if Jarvis II passes, smaller campus such as UCSC would be closed down.

Assistant UCSC Chancellor Dan McFadden strongly contested her statement, saying that

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Saxon "has repeatedly told us that closing a campus is not an option."

McFadden said, "We've been expecting the rumor to start and it does us no good at all in its threatened effect on registration. Our freshman registration is up 23 percent, and we're going great up here now."

Liddicoat elaborated her desired closing of UCSC, "If the campus closed, the students

would go home, the campus would be abandoned and Brigham Young University, which is looking for a west coast campus, could buy it."

She said, "If they (LDS Church-Mormon) bought it, we would not have the problems we have now." Local Mormon Bishop Brad MacDonald said the "BYU rumor has been going around for a year, but I doubt the church is looking for another campus, and we certainly wouldn't be interested while it's an operating campus in the UC system."