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Statements By Prominent Santa Cruzans On UC Campus Choice

Peter Tedesco, Santa Cruz city manager:

"The timing is excellent. We are just starting in work on our master plan and this ties in nicely."

"We can't do anything until we sit down with the university staff. We don't know if they will accept our plans (the UC designs drawn by Architects Campbell & Wong and Lawrence Lackey). They may want to make major modifications."

Lewis Nelson, chairman of the board of supervisors:

"I personally feel this is the most significant thing that happened to Santa Cruz county in the last century."

"The county will now be known as a university area. It will help immeasurably in getting the type of research industries we want

and need to balance taxes.

"I see nothing but good in this."

"Our biggest problem now is ascertaining from the university as quickly as we can their time schedule for development so that we can coordinate our road commitment with it."

James Hammond, general manager of the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce:

"There isn't any question about the fact that the community is deeply indebted to the Cowell Foundation trustees for their follow through and their complete performance in accord with indications they had made before as to how they could work with the university."

"Guiding the changes that are bound to take place in Santa Cruz

— that's where I think our big job now lies."

"The work of all the public institutions, including the chamber, is really now just beginning because we have so many things before us that have to be worked out to the satisfaction of the existing community and the university."

Harold Carriger, Mayor of Santa Cruz:

"I don't know of any better news we could have in the city of Santa Cruz. I'm pleased and everyone I've talked to is pleased."

"The city is deeply indebted to members of the committees that have worked so hard on this, Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge, City Manager Peter Tedesco and Gordon Sinclair, in particular, and many, many others. I think in the next few weeks there will be a lot of work to be done. This is the time to be very level-headed about it and to evaluate the entire problem."

"We're going to have to move fast, but yet in the right direction. The steps taken in the past have paid big dividends."

"It is the biggest thing ever to happen to Santa Cruz. We knew we were going to grow, but this puts our growth in the right direction. Growth can be guided and not just erupt as it has in

some communities."

"We'll be able to retain our natural beauty and historical traditions and yet maintain a steady rate of progress."

"We believe this growth will maintain a steady flow of jobs for university students in their part-time activities as well as summer employment."

Philip T. Boyle, Watsonville attorney and member of the county UC advisory committee:

"It's the finest thing that's happened to Santa Cruz county since the beginning of the county, itself. My only hope is the people of the county and various governmental units will get behind a fully cooperative movement to make sure the university is promptly and happily situated in this county. University will unquestionably speed up growth of county and probably induce many industries of a desirable kind to come here that would otherwise not necessarily locate in this county."

Louis Haber, past president of the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce:

"It's just a great day for Santa Cruz. The people of this area should be very grateful to the Cowell trustees and people like Gordon Sinclair and Glenn Coolidge who have worked so hard on this."

Sam McNeely, former mayor and member of the city council: "Having had experience on the city council for seven years and

going in as mayor under the new charter, I have heard many complaints of factions which want to hold Santa Cruz back for their own benefit. They said, 'We'll never get anywhere.' But the university is just the start of many things that are going to bloom in Santa Cruz. I hope it gives them confidence in their elected officials and that they realize that they are working for the whole community and not just a few. Everybody should be congratulated."

Al Tosta, vice president of the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce:

"I hope to be able to devote my time to making the university the success it should be for our area."

Harry McElroy, personnel director for Sylvania Electronics plant:

"This announcement will be a great boost for our operations as we need more science-trained people. The university campus will be a definite drawing card. It should make our recruitment easier and benefit the entire community."

Ben Pino, president of the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce:

"The greatest thing that ever happened to Santa Cruz. The selection is the result of fine leadership over a period of years in a community effort, paced by Assemblyman Glenn Coolidge and Gordon Sinclair."

"The community should go all out, to work 100 per cent for cooperation with the university. It will be a tremendous boost for Santa Cruz, but it will not jell overnight, but have tremendous long range effects. It will help make Santa Cruz one of the greatest communities in northern California."

"It should also help us attract smaller electronic firms and will create increased interest in the redevelopment area."

R. N. Klein, chief administrative officer of the City of Fresno and former Santa Cruz city manager:

"Congratulations on the vote of the University of California regents to select the Santa Cruz site. It is very gratifying."

Statement from Sam Leask Jr., city administrative officer of Los Angeles and member of a long-time Santa Cruz family:

"The greatest piece of news in the long history of Santa Cruz. Particular credit is due Gordon Sinclair for his inspired leadership."

Text of a telegram from A. P. (Dutch) Hamann, city manager of San Jose, to City Manager Pete Tedesco:

"Congratulations! You all did a wonderful job and I know the university will be very happy in your fine community. Rest as-

ured that we will always be happy to cooperate with you in any way possible. We feel strongly that anything good for Santa Cruz is good for San Jose and our entire wonderful central coast area. Kindest regards to you and your city council and the members of the board of supervisors."

James J. Crosetti Sr., member of county advisory board said:

"Naturally, I'm like everybody else in the county: I think the university is the greatest thing that ever happened to Santa Cruz County."

"The university will be a boon to the county, not only from a financial standpoint but also from an educational standpoint. With

the new junior college and now the university, Santa Cruz county will probably be recognized as one of the educational centers of the state."

"Getting the university here was a job well done by a lot of people."

County Administrator Richard O'Reilly said: "I think it is one of the most important events in the history of Santa Cruz County. It will influence every aspect of community life. It will ultimately put Santa Cruz on the map as one of the most vital and growing communities in California. The university itself is bound to grow to be one of the most important in the world."

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