

Citizens group forms over Measure A issue

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SANTA CRUZ — Believing UCSC Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer has taken the people's vote on Measure A too lightly, citizens have organized to campaign for the speedy implementation of the ballot measure.

Measure A was passed in November by a 72 percent voter margin in an attempt to give the City Council authority to veto plans by UCSC for a high technology research and development park on campus.

There has yet been no official response from Sinsheimer or UC Regents. Sinsheimer has said he wants to discuss the matter with UC officials before making a formal response.

But one of the organizers of the citizens' group, Denise Holbert, a county planning commissioner, says the chancellor

"is just thumbing his nose at us."

Added another organizer, Don Lane, a city water commissioner, UCSC graduate and owner of a local restaurant: "We are going to apply pressure on the chancellor, the legislature and every level of government."

Holbert and Lane said their group would organize a letter-writing and personal lobbying campaign in Sacramento and at the offices of the regents to endorse Measure A.

"We want everyone to know that there are people in town who will put time into an effort to see that Measure A takes effect," said Lane.

The group's first meeting will be held on Tuesday Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nelson Center.