

September 18, 2024

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide you with essential information regarding the construction of our new academic building, the Gateway, located along Hearst Avenue at Arch Street. Living near a construction site can be challenging, and we deeply appreciate your cooperation and patience during this period. During July and August, continuous concrete pours were completed for Levels, 2, 3 and 4 of the new building. **The purpose of this letter is to inform you about upcoming continuous concrete pours for the Levels 5 and 6 (the roof).**

As you may be aware, our campus is located directly on the Hayward Fault, and it is of paramount importance that new buildings be designed and constructed to meet and exceed the stringent seismic safety regulations and engineering standards. **The upcoming continuous concrete pours play a vital role in achieving this objective.** To ensure the structural integrity of the building, it is imperative that the concrete pours for large sections of each floor are carried out continuously. Disruptions or interruptions during this process could compromise the cohesion and strength of the building, rendering it susceptible to future seismic events. By maintaining a continuous flow of concrete, we ensure that the upper floors of the building achieve optimal strength, preventing any weak points or seams that could lead to vulnerabilities in the structure.

To minimize disruption to the greatest extent possible, we will pour the smallest amount of concrete possible for each continuous pour. Starting the first week of July, we will pour one-third of a floor each week. The schedule will be as follows:

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- Level 6 West: 7/19 (Thursday)
- Level 5 East: 7/24 (Tuesday)
- Level 6 East: 7/27 (Friday)

Each morning, crews will arrive at the project site **starting at 3 a.m.**, and pumping commences **around 4 a.m.** All trucks and pumps will be within the project site. The continuous pour takes **approximately 13 – 14 hours** and should be complete in the early evening.

Our construction teams will work diligently to complete the concrete pours as efficiently as possible, thereby reducing the overall duration. Rest assured that every effort will be made to complete this essential construction activity as quickly and as quietly as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns about the construction process or any other related matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at 510-495-5786 or [capitalstrategies@berkeley.edu](mailto:capitalstrategies@berkeley.edu). Your feedback is valuable to us, and I will make every effort to address your concerns promptly.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a safer, more resilient campus for future generations of students and researchers.

With kind regards,

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