



NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

- Project Title:** Upper Hearst Development for the Goldman School of Public Policy and Minor Amendment to the 2020 Long Range Development Plan
- Lead Agency:** The Regents of the University of California
- Project Sponsor:** University of California, Berkeley
- Project Location:** University of California, Berkeley: adjacent to 2607 Hearst Avenue at La Loma Avenue, Berkeley, California 94720; Assessor's Parcel Number 58-2201-9-1
- County:** Alameda County, California
- Program EIR:** UC Berkeley 2020 Long Range Development Plan EIR, certified by The Regents January 2005, State Clearinghouse No. 2003082131; as updated by Amendment #1 to the 2020 LRDP to address Climate Change and accompanying Addendum #5 to the 2020 LRDP EIR.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the University of California has completed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) addressing the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development of two buildings located on the UC Berkeley campus. This notice is to inform interested agencies and the public of the availability of the Draft SEIR and the start and end dates of the review period, within which comments on the Draft SEIR can be submitted to UC Berkeley.

Project Location and Description: The project site is an approximately 44,900-square-foot (just over one acre) portion of a University owned property on the northwest corner of La Loma Avenue and Hearst Avenue, immediately west of 2607 Hearst Avenue across from the northeastern region of the UC Berkeley Campus Park. The site is bordered on the north by Ridge Road and the Cloyne Court Student Cooperative; on the east by La Loma Avenue; on the south by Hearst Avenue; and on the west by the Goldman School of Public Policy and the Cloyne Court Student Cooperative. The project site is located within the area of campus designated in the 2020 LRDP as the "City Environs," and within the City Environs' Adjacent Blocks North subarea.

The project comprises two separate buildings – an academic building and a residential building on top of a rebuilt parking structure – that would be built concurrently by the project developer. The residential building would be up to six-stories constructed on top of a three-story partially subterranean parking structure where the Upper Hearst parking structure and adjacent at-grade Ridge parking lot are now located on La Loma Avenue between Hearst Avenue and Ridge Road. The residential component would consist of up to 150 residential units in a mixture of studio and one- and two-bedroom apartments for campus. The project would reduce the total number of parking spaces on-site from 346 to approximately 175. The building, including the residential units and parking, would be approximately 220,000 gross square feet.

A separate academic building would be constructed immediately east of the existing GSPP building located at 2607 Hearst Avenue. The approximately 37,000 gross square feet of office, classroom, and event space in the academic building would serve several GSPP programs. The academic building would be four stories in height over one subterranean level. The fourth level would provide access to a rooftop terrace and include an event space with a seating capacity of 300 that could accommodate up to 450 people at maximum capacity.

Environmental Review and Impacts of the Project: UC Berkeley has prepared a Draft SEIR, tiered from its 2020 LRDP EIR to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed project. UC Berkeley has been approving development projects based upon environmental documents that tier off the 2020 LRDP EIR approved in 2005. The campus population has now increased beyond 2020 LRDP projections that were analyzed in the 2020 LRDP EIR. The Draft SEIR analyzes the impacts of the Upper Hearst Development project and any change in environmental impacts from increased enrollment that has led to a new baseline for the overall campus population to those identified in the 2020 LRDP EIR. The preliminary conclusions of the Draft SEIR indicate that the proposed project would result in new significant and unavoidable impacts that were not identified in the 2020 LRDP EIR in aesthetics and land use compatibility.

Public Review and Document Availability: The Draft SEIR will be circulated beyond the 45-day review and comment period by agencies and the public. The comment period began on February 20, 2019 and was scheduled to end on April 8, 2019. **The comment period has been extended and will now end on April 12, 2019.**

Written responses to the Draft SEIR must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2019. A public hearing to receive oral comments was held on the UC Berkeley campus the evening of Tuesday, March 12, 2019. **A second public hearing will be held on the UC Berkeley campus the evening of Thursday, March 21, 2019. The second public hearing will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at University Hall, Room 150 at 2199 Addison Street.**

UC Berkeley will prepare a Final SEIR that responds to comments received during the comment period. The Final SEIR, along with a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, will then be submitted to The Regents of the University of California for consideration and approval, anticipated in May 2019.

Links to electronic versions of this [Notice of Extended Public Comment Period](#) and [Draft SEIR](#) are available on-line on the UC Berkeley Capital Strategies website at: <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/resources-notice/public-notice>

Draft SEIR hard copies are also available for review in the following locations:

Berkeley Main Library Reference Desk 2090 Kittredge Street Berkeley, CA 94704	DOE Main Library Reference Desk South Hall Road Berkeley, CA 94704	A&E Building Physical & Environmental Planning Berkeley, CA 94720 Call 510-643-7384 to arrange a visit
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Opportunities for Commenting: UC Berkeley invites comments on Draft SEIR. **Please send written comments on the Draft SEIR by April 12, 2019,** to be considered in the Final SEIR. Comments should be addressed to:

Raphael Breines, Senior Planner
Physical & Environmental Planning
University of California, Berkeley
300 A&E Building, Berkeley, CA 94720-1382

You may also send written comments via email to: planning@berkeley.edu. Please include a subject line indicating Public Comments: Upper Hearst Development Project.

In addition, comments may be presented orally and in writing at the second public hearing to be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM at the following address:

**University Hall, Room 150
2199 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA 94720**

UC Berkeley appreciates your interest in this project and looks forward to your involvement with the environmental review process.