



Public Notice

Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the UC Berkeley 2021 Long Range Development Plan and Housing Projects #1 and #2

July 7, 2021

Project Title: UC Berkeley 2021 Long Range Development Plan and Housing Projects #1 and #2 (2021 LRDP)

Project Location: University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720

Lead Agency: The Regents of the University of California

Brief Project Description: The 2021 LRDP provides a comprehensive high-level planning framework to guide land use and capital investment consistent with UC Berkeley's mission, priorities, strategic goals, and enrollment projections through the 2036-37 academic year. The 2021 LRDP projects a campus population of 48,200 students and 19,000 faculty and staff, and a development program of approximately 8,096,249 gross square feet of academic life, campus life, residential, and parking spaces, including approximately 11,073 student beds and 549 employee beds. The EIR provides a program-level analysis of the overall proposed development and enrollment projections in the 2021 LRDP. The EIR also functions as a project EIR for two student housing projects, Housing Project #1, which includes the construction and operation of approximately 772 beds in addition to campus life amenities and public commercial and office space, and Housing Project #2, which includes approximately 1,187 student/faculty/staff beds and approximately 125 affordable and supportive housing beds, and public retail and open space.

Environmental Review: UC Berkeley prepared and issued to the public for review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) on March 8, 2021. The Draft EIR was made available for a 45-day public review and comment period that ended on April 21, 2021. The complete EIR consists of two documents: the Draft EIR that was issued in March 2021 and the Final EIR, comprising comments received during the public review period for the Draft EIR and responses to those comments, as well as revisions and clarifications to the Draft EIR. The Final EIR is available for viewing online at: <https://lrpd.berkeley.edu/environmental-review>. For further information about the project, please contact UC Berkeley's Office of Physical and Environmental Planning by email at planning@berkeley.edu.

Environmental Effects: The EIR identifies potentially significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the following categories by project component: 2021 LRDP – air quality, cultural resources, noise, transportation, and wildfire; and Housing Projects #1 and #2 – cultural resources, noise, and transportation.

Public Hearing: On July 21-22, 2021, the UC Regents will hold a public hearing to consider certification of the EIR and approval of the 2021 LRDP and Housing Project #1. Actions will consist of: 1) certification of the EIR and adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Continuing Best Practices, and CEQA Findings and

Statement of Overriding Considerations for the 2021 LRDP; 2) approval of the 2021 LRDP; 3) adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Continuing Best Practices, and CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations for Housing Project #1; and 4) approval of the design of Housing Project #1. Information on the UC Regents meeting can be found at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/>.

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Public Notice

Identification of Locations and Approval of Solar Photovoltaic Installations

December 9, 2021

UC Berkeley has identified four campus-owned locations for solar photovoltaic (PV) installations. These locations were selected for their capacity and suitability for solar, energy decarbonization, operational benefits, and financial feasibility. The solar PV projects were approved on December 8, 2021.

The project locations are:

1. 2000 Carleton Street, Berkeley:

Roof mounted solar installation on the main Carleton building and the southeast auxiliary building. Project will include rooftop solar arrays, battery storage and microgrid, and conduit for future EV charging capacities. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidance for the implementation of CEQA, the campus finds that the project would be categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure; and §15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures, and that no exceptions to the exemptions apply.

2. Parking lots at the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley:

Solar carport and ground mounted installations at the hill terrace, east lot and vista parking lots. Project will include battery storage and conduit for future EV charging capacities. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidance for the implementation of CEQA, the campus finds that the project would be categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure; and §15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures, and that no exceptions to the exemptions apply.

3. 2400 Regatta, Richmond:

Solar carport installation at the Regatta Building parking lot. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidance for the implementation of CEQA, the campus finds that the project would be categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure; and §15311 Class 11 Accessory Structures, and that no exceptions to the exemptions apply.

4. Richmond Field Station, Richmond:

Solar photovoltaic array ground mount installations in two site locations. The first site is west of the North Regional Library Facility (NRLF), and the second site is on a former Hydrogen fueling station. Project will include conduit for future EV charging capacities. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and

the University of California guidance for the implementation of CEQA, the University has adopted the CEQA Findings for the solar project having considered the previously certified 2014 Long Range Development Plan EIR for the Richmond Bay Campus (also called Richmond Field Station).

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the approval action of the project.

Download: [Notice of Exemption \(Solar Project at Carleton Building\)](#)

Download: [Notice of Exemption \(Solar Project at Regatta Building parking lot\)](#)

Download: [Notice of Exemption \(Solar Project at parking lots adjacent to Lawrence Hall of Science\)](#)

Download: [Notice of Determination \(Solar Project at Richmond Field Station\)](#)

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The Gateway New Academic Building Project

March 2, 2022

UC Berkeley has published [Addendum Number 1](#) to the [UC Berkeley 2021 Long Range Development Plan and Housing Projects #1 and #2 Environmental Impact Report](#) (2021 LRDP EIR).

Project Location: The project site is located in the northwest quadrant of the UC Berkeley Campus Park on Hearst Avenue at its intersections with Arch Street and Le Conte Avenue. The project site was formerly developed with Tolman Hall, which was vacated in 2018 and subsequently demolished. The project site is bounded by Hearst Avenue to the north; University House Way and University House to the east; Bayard Rustin Way, Morgan Hall, and Hilgard Hall to the south; and McFarlane Lane and Koshland Hall to the west.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would provide a new, 375,600-gross-square-foot, academic building that includes 213,270 assignable square feet. The building would consist of five above-grade floors and one basement (below-ground) level. The building facade would be a mix of vision glass, etched spandrel glass, aluminum metal panels, and precast concrete and designed to provide a high degree of energy efficiency.

The Gateway New Academic Building would provide space for permanent occupancy of approximately 1,500 faculty, students, researchers, and staff in flexible lab and learning facilities. The building would include space for academic research, offices, classrooms, and other collaborative meeting spaces and house researchers, faculty, and students across multiple disciplines affiliated with the Division of Computing, Data Science, and Society, which is currently housed in various facilities on the UC Berkeley campus. The building would also include shared community gathering spaces, an event space with a catering kitchen, a social kitchen, a café with an outdoor terrace, and associated support spaces. The building would have two primary wings to the east and west that frame two ground floor outdoor courtyards.

Document Availability: The [Addendum](#) and [2021 LRDP EIR](#) are available on the [UC Berkeley Capital Strategies website](#). If assistance accessing these documents is needed, please contact the Physical and Environmental Planning department at (510) 495-5786 or by email at planning@berkeley.edu.

UC Board of Regents Meeting: On March 15-17, 2022, the UC Board of Regents will meet to, amongst other items, consider approval of the Gateway New Academic Building project following review of Addendum Number 1 to the 2021 Long Range Development Plan Environmental Impact Report. Actions will consist of: 1) adoption of CEQA Findings for the Gateway New Academic Building project; 2) implementation of applicable mitigation measures and continuing best practices as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted for the 2021 LRDP EIR; and 3) approval of the design of the Gateway New Academic Building project. The UC Board of Regents meeting agenda and schedule can be found online at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/index.htm>

Members of the public can provide public comment on this project in two ways: 1) request to speak during public comments at the March 15-17, 2022, meeting of the UC Board of Regents by contacting the Office of the Secretary

and Chief of Staff at publiccomment@ucop.edu prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before the public comment period and/or 2) provide written comments to the Office of the Secretary and Chief of Staff at regentsoffice@ucop.edu no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the scheduled start time of the first session of the March 2022 UC Board of Regents meeting. Guidelines for public comment can be found on the UC Board of Regents website at: <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/public-comment.html>

Download: [Addendum](#) (PDF) and [2021 LRDP EIR](#)

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Public Notice

2232 Piedmont Avenue Renovation

May 17, 2022

The Project involves renovation and restoration of 2232 Piedmont Avenue for the new Entrepreneurship Hub (E-Hub) for the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. 2232 Piedmont was constructed in 1908 and UC Berkeley acquired this property in 1958. The renovation would accommodate an Entrepreneurship Hub for the Haas School of Business for students to collaborate and gather.

The exterior restoration includes repairs to historic stucco, wood doors, windows and trim, and iron railings. Interior work includes repair of historic wood doors, wood flooring, wood paneling and trim, and fireplaces. Interior improvements are primarily limited to new accessible restrooms and a kitchenette, located in areas which had been previously modified.

The building is three stories tall along with a basement. The attic's use will change to storage only, and the exterior stair will be removed. The project includes providing an accessible path of travel to the basement, first and second floor with the addition of a new elevator. This addition will be differentiated from the historic building by offsets and recesses and sits below the historic building's roofline.

On May 17, 2022, the University of California approved the project. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California guidance for the implementation of CEQA, the campus finds that the project would be categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities, §15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure; and §15331 Class 31 Historic Structures, and that no exceptions to the exemptions apply.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the approval action of the project.

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Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Online Public Hearing for the Proposed Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Courts Project

January 6, 2022

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21091(a) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines), the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) has released for public review a Draft EIR for the proposed Clark Kerr Campus (CKC) Beach Volleyball Courts Project. A Notice of Preparation for the EIR was issued on August 5, 2020.

Project Title: Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Courts Project

Lead Agency: The Regents of the University of California

Draft EIR Review Period: Thursday, January 6, 2022, through Monday, February 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Project Location: The project is located on two sites within the UC Berkeley CKC. The 50-acre CKC contains student and faculty housing, conference facility, childcare, maintenance and storage, and recreational facilities. As shown in Figure 1, CKC is southeast of the main UC Berkeley campus (Campus Park) and south of the Hill Campus. CKC is primarily within the City of Berkeley, with a portion of the easternmost panhandle of the CKC within the City of Oakland. CKC is surrounded by residential neighborhoods to the north, south, and west and by the East Bay Regional Park District's Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve to the east.

As shown in Figure 2, the proposed project includes two different project sites on CKC. The project site for the beach volleyball courts is the existing CKC recreational softball field at the intersection of Dwight Way and Sports Lane, along the northern boundary of CKC. The proposed project also includes the partial demolition of Building 21, which is located near the eastern boundary of CKC, east of Eastway Drive and north of Derby Street.

Project Description: UC Berkeley proposes the conversion of an existing recreational softball field to recreational and Intercollegiate Athletics (IA) beach volleyball courts to improve the training and competition facilities provided to female student athletes, support ongoing gender equity, and comply with Title IX. The proposed project would include four beach volleyball courts and a 3,710-square-foot support building with team rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, and coaches' offices and storage. Improvements to the site would include new lighting, a scoreboard, a public address system, and a refurbished lawn area for spectators to watch matches.

In addition, the project would demolish an approximately 9,230-square-foot portion of Building 21, the former Wilkinson Lodge, which is a contributor to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) District No. 82000962 State Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind (also known as the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind Historic District), which is comprised of the CKC. The partial demolition of Building 21 addresses the seismic safety risk posed by the building in order to comply with the University of California Seismic Safety Policy. It also complies with the 1982 Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions (Covenants) that UC Berkeley entered into with neighbors of CKC. The Covenants incorporate portions of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UC Berkeley and

the City of Berkeley, which was entered into at the same time as the Covenants. After demolition, the area would be landscaped and a new driveway to Building 21 would be paved to allow for loading. The existing western portion of the building would remain and continue to be used for storage.

The existing recreational softball uses would be accommodated off site at the softball field on UC Berkeley's Hill Campus and the existing archery and other recreational uses would be accommodated on site at the proposed beach volleyball courts or at other CKC recreational facilities. Usage of recreation facilities would be scheduled through IA consistent with their guidelines. After project implementation, the two existing CKC sand courts would remain available for community use during daylight hours and would be managed by the Recreational Sports Department.

Scope of Draft EIR: An initial study has been prepared concurrently with the Draft EIR and is provided in Draft EIR Appendix B, Initial Study. Environmental resource topics analyzed in the initial study and not further studied in this EIR include: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. The Draft EIR provides a detailed evaluation of the following environmental resource topics: aesthetics, cultural and tribal cultural resources, land use and planning, noise, and transportation. The scope of the Draft EIR also includes the review, evaluation, and in some cases, revision and/or replacement of previously adopted mitigation measures from the 1979 Dwight-Derby Site Plan EIR, which was developed and adopted in conjunction with UC Berkeley's proposed acquisition of the Schools for the Deaf and the Blind site; now referred to as the CKC. UC Berkeley purchased the CKC in 1982.

Significant Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR identifies the following effects by environmental topic:

- **Less than Significant without Mitigation:** aesthetics, cultural resources (human remains), land use and planning, noise (excessive vibration), and transportation (plan consistency, geometric design, and emergency access).
- **Less than Significant with Mitigation:** cultural resources (archaeological resources and tribal cultural resources) and noise (increase in ambient noise).
- **Significant and Unavoidable with Mitigation:** cultural resources (historic built environment) and transportation (vehicle miles traveled for maximum beach volleyball events).

Document Availability:

The Draft EIR is available online at: <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/environmental-review>

In addition to the digital copy of the Draft EIR available online at the above website, a printed copy of the Draft EIR is available for public review during the comment period at the following locations:

- A&E, Berkeley, CA-94720 (By appointment only; please call (510) 495-5786 for appointment)
- College of Environmental Design Library, 210 Bauer Wurster Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720. Access to the printed copy will be available from January 10, 2022.

If assistance accessing documents is needed, including documents incorporated by reference in the Draft EIR, please contact UC Berkeley's Physical and Environmental Planning department at (510) 495-5786 or by email at planning@berkeley.edu.

Public Review and Comment Period: UC Berkeley is soliciting written comments on the Draft EIR during a 45-day public review period that begins on January 6, 2022, and ends on February 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Written comments via e-mail and regular mail can be provided no later than February 21, 2022. Written comments will be responded to in the Final EIR.

Mail comments to:

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Attention: Shraddha Navalli Patil, Senior Planner; Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Courts Project Draft EIR

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Include "Draft EIR Comments: Clark Kerr Campus Beach Volleyball Courts Project" in the subject line.

Public Hearing to Provide Comments: UC Berkeley will host a public hearing to receive public comments on the Draft EIR. The public hearing will be held exclusively through Zoom videoconference. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and restrictions placed on in-person gatherings throughout California, no physical meeting location will be available. The public hearing will be held on February 10, 2022, starting at 5:00 PM. Because of time restraints, there will be a time limit of 2:00 minutes for all public comments.

For instructions to access and participate in the Zoom meeting by telephone or from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device, please visit: <https://capitalstrategies.berkeley.edu/public-meetings>

Figure 1: [Regional Location and UC Berkeley Campus \(PDF\)](#)

Figure 2: [Clark Kerr Campus and Project Sites \(PDF\)](#)

Figure 3: [Proposed Beach Volleyball Courts Site Plan \(PDF\)](#)

Figure 4: [Proposed Partial Demolition of Building 21 Site Plan \(PDF\)](#)

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