

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Special Meeting of December 4, 2023

(City of Davis / UC Davis / Yolo County Annual Public Meeting)

The City Council of the City of Davis met in special meeting session beginning at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnold.

Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Bapu Vaitla  
Will Arnold

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Michael Webb, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Roll Call UC Davis Representatives present:  
Gary May, Chancellor  
Clare Shinnerl, Vice Chancellor of Finance, Operations & Administration

Yolo County Representatives present:  
Jim Provenza, Supervisor  
Lucas Frerichs, Supervisor

Approval of Agenda J. Provenza moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome Mayor Arnold: Since the 2018 City of Davis / UC Davis / Yolo County Memorandum of Understanding, an annual public meeting has been held to report out on progress and activities of mutual concern.

UC Davis Chancellor Gary May: UCD has continued to advance in college rankings including best colleges in the nation, campus sustainability, and diversity, inclusiveness, and internationality. Total fall enrollment is over 40,000 students. Recent UCD accomplishments include increase in philanthropic giving, student membership, research funding, and college rankings as well as city and university combined projects.

Supervisor Frerichs: Appreciate advancements and greater collaboration in housing, transportation, and social services since 2018 MOU. County and UCD have been collaborating on issues of student food insecurity.

Supervisor Provenza: Support efforts related to response to hate crimes and Hate Free Together.

Public Comments

- Stanford McConnaghey: Hate Free Together—need single website repository for notices and should apply definitions of hate that are not contested for political purposes.
- Himani, AUSUD Vice Present: Support efforts related to affordable housing, mental health, and transportation. Still need affordable housing for graduate students, grocery stores, child care, affordable parking especially for commuters. Affordable, regular, and public transportation should be subsidized. Appreciate HFT campaign.
- Beth Bourne: Need to define hate speech. Freedom of speech must be upheld.
- Dorte Jensen: Concerned about Chancellor May's service on boards.
- Greg Rowe: Promenade developer may choose to lease affordable units to UCD. This may be a violation of the MOU relating to master leases.
- Alan Miller: Hate Free Together has the word hate in it. Freedom of beliefs, speech, and thought are paramount.
- Eileen Samitz: Urge UCD to build higher density housing on campus. Solano Park project should have taller buildings with higher density.
- Anoosh Jorjorian, Yolo Rainbow Families: Teachers and School Board members have been targeted for their tolerance. People are using religion as an excuse for their bigotry, that community should be tolerant of their intolerance.
- Daniel Hika, Tristan Meyer, and Mia Lopez, ASUCD External Affairs: Recent increase in crime and hate incidents, students are scared. City needs to do more to protect LGBTQ+ community from threats of violence. Lighting is a safety issue, need to increase lighting standards. Need accessible voting locations, ask County to protect voters.
- Izadore Elizabeth Schofield: County should increase efforts to encourage student voter registration and/or change to registration to local address in order to participation in local elections.

UC Davis and City of Davis Update on Housing

UC Davis Associate Vice Chancellor for Housing, Dining and Divisional Operations Mike Sheehan: Provide residence halls and apartments to over 15,000 students. Dining services serve 25,000 meals a day

Housing commitments: First year students 93%, First year transfer students 45%, Returning students 34%. Graduate students and student families 1,343 bed leases. Have exceeded all commitments in MOU. Future projects: Segundo Infill Freshman Residence Hall target opening Fall 2027. West Village Undergraduate Apartments and Regan Redevelopment target opening TBD.

City of Davis Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: Completed projects since MOU: Ryder on Olive (2021) primarily geared towards students, Identity Davis (2021) flexible rent for students, Celeste

(2023) geared towards professionals and workforce housing. Those 3 projects provided 426 units total.

In progress: Plaza 2555, 200 units currently under construction geared towards professionals and workforce housing, Research Park Mixed Use project will include 160 units for professionals and workforce. Also, under construction Cannery Marco project of 72 units to be completed in the next several months. Since 2019, 1057 units complete or nearly complete.

**Mental Health Update Including Crisis Now and Health 34** Yolo County Health and Human Services Director Nolan Sullivan: Crisis Now 2.0 is a phased approach to building the Crisis Now model. Timeline: High-tech call center complete winter 2023, Short term crisis beds fall/winter 2023, Crisis receiving chairs spring/fall 2024. System evaluation 2025/6.

UC Davis Fire Chief Nathan Trauernicht: Health 34 is a massive investment by UCD for mental health and behavioral health services. Staffed with service navigators 24/7/365, EMS backgrounds combined with training in behavioral health and basic needs support. Provide access to services. Goal to increase trust in calling for assistance and support, improve equity and access. Future efforts will include additional collaboration between County and UCD on services, outreach, and pursuit of legislative funding.

**Hate-Free Together Campaign** City of Davis Community Engagement Director Jenny Tan and Yolo County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager Tico Zendejas: City-county-campus collaborative effort to provide resources, support and opportunities for actions help to condemn hate, create safety, and cultivate change. Tasks completed in the last 12 months—received preliminary input, research, initial investments and funding, RFP for website creation and maintenance. In progress—community workshops, staff support, fuller framework (tiers, logo usage, how to join), website. Intend to hold workshops and release website at same time in early 2024.

**Continued Public Comments**

- Abel Ledbetter, UCD College Democrats: Housing, food insecurity, mental health, and hate speech are student issues. Students should have a seat at the table.
- Sonia: Support dense affordable housing, minimum parking requirements, and transportation services.
- Hannah: Support addressing issues of student housing, mental health, and hate speech.
- Katie Hazardous, Environmental Caucus UCD: Support rent control. Apartment complexes are raising rents to the maximum amount allowable. Support taller and denser housing on campus.

- Sid and Zaire Rias: Support higher density housing on campus and walkable neighborhoods.
- Jackson Mills: Agenda item descriptions should be more detailed. Support collaboration between city, county, and UCD. Support additional housing and eliminating parking minimums.
- Beth Oxner: Support HFT, Crisis Now, and housing efforts.
- Matt Williams: Should provide presentations on website ahead of meeting. Important to understand total number of units and progress on goals in MOU. Total enrollment has increased at a faster rate, housing should also be accelerated.
- Adeen Hale: What can be done to de-stigmatize mental illness? Mental health should be common topic of discussion.
- Unnamed individual: Support HFT. Support for individuals that are experiencing change or struggle.
- Meredith Wade: Davis needs to be proactive and fight hate in community. No one is safe unless all are safe.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk