

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Special Meeting of February 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Davis met in special meeting session beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers Conference Room, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vaitla.

Roll Call: Councilmembers: Josh Chapman, Linda Deos, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Babu Vaitla

UC Davis Representatives: Gary May, Chancellor; Clare Shinnerl, Vice Chancellor of Finance, Operations and Administration

Yolo County Representatives: Lucas Frerichs and Sheila Allen, Supervisors

Other Officers Present: City Manager Mike Webb; Yolo County Interim County Administrative Officer Dirk Brazil

Approval of Agenda City Council approved the agenda by consensus.

Welcome Message Chancellor G. May: UC Davis ranks as one of the top universities in the nation. Last year received over \$1 billion in research funding. More students apply to UC Davis every year. Support town-gown relationship.

Supervisors S. Allen and L. Frerichs: Annual meeting is an opportunity to continue partnership with mutual programs and projects.

Public Comments

- Beth Bourne: Concerned about Hate Free Together campaign. Parents should be able to question transgender identity teaching. UC Davis Medical Center and Kaiser Clinic allows gender reassignment for co-pay.
- Marylou Rossetto: Disappointed in state of streets and city landscaping. Increased Unitrans bus traffic is negatively impacting roads. Question how UC Davis is mitigating their impacts to Davis infrastructure.
- Norbie Kumagai: ICE detention incident last Friday, strongly oppose actions. Family experience with detention of Japanese during WWII. Long lasting impacts.
- Kimberly Mitchell: Crisis Now system implementation—collaboration between all parties essential to creating compassionate response. Need to expand hours and availability of co-responders; mental health issues happen at all hours. Crisis intervention training needs to be extended to all first responders. Need to work towards a crisis stabilization unit in Yolo County, site Emergency Department that can take all patients.

Informational Reports:	Economic & Planning Systems Vice President Tom Martens: Summarize key findings of the Economic Impact Report. UC Davis is a major driver of economic activity in greater Sacramento region. Economic output largely outside the city. Economic multiplier effects include direct, indirect, and induced impacts.
UCD Economic Impact Report	Fiscal impact to city and county from services: largest impact are revenues from sales and property, and transient occupancy taxes. UC Davis produces a positive net fiscal impact for both city and county.
UCD & City Update on Housing	<p>City of Davis Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: Recently completed projects include MarCo at the Cannery and Celeste on Chiles Road, both geared toward workforce residents. Two projects close to completion: Plaza 2555 and Research Park Mixed Use. Since 2023, city has completed 657 units. Once pending construction or pending approval projects are built; total 2062 units since 2023.</p> <p>UC Davis Executive Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability Lucas Griffith: 6,266 on-campus beds built under the 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). UC Davis exceeds the agreed requirement for additional on-campus housing.</p> <p>UC Davis Associate Vice Chancellor for Housing, Dining, Campus Recreation and Divisional Operations Michael Sheehan: UC Davis has completed and is planning projects sufficient for housing 48% of the total student population project in the 2018 LRDP. UC Davis Student Housing guarantees housing for 100% of all first-year students, returning second-year students and incoming transfer students. Future housing plans include a resident hall of 500 beds anticipated for 2025 construction start and 2027 opening. 2024 vacancy survey for City of Davis: currently 4% vacancy, blended rate of studio and multi-bedroom units.</p>
UCD, Yolo County & City of Davis Hate-Free Together Update	<p>UC Davis Director of Campus Climate and Inclusion Initiatives Megan Macklin: Summarized outreach efforts during 2024.</p> <p>City of Davis Director of Community Engagement Jenny Tan: Overview of 2023 California Creative Corp artist grant activities. More than 30 events were attended by 2,000+ participants.</p> <p>Yolo County Deputy Supervisor for District 4 Oliver Snow: Development of strategic plan will occur in 2025 to include priorities and tactics or actions to implement. Anticipate plan released in fall 2025.</p>

Yolo County  
Crisis Now  
Update

Yolo County Interim County Administrative Officer Dirk Brazil: Crisis Now program has accomplished two phases: access/crisis high-tech call center and mobile crisis response and co-responders. Second phase will include building short-term crisis residential and receiving/sobering center, more funding will be needed to accomplish.

Continued  
Public  
Comments

- Alan Hirsch: Hate Free Together should be renamed. Sets up conflict of hater vs victim. Government should not be the decider. Should instead create safe space to have productive conflict dialogue. Create a civil society even when conflict exists and continues.
- Eileen Samitz: UC Davis has 5,000+ acres and is the only UC that has not committed to provide 50% on campus housing. Request UC Davis build more and denser apartments for students and faculty.
- Claudia Kritch: An individual has had a major impact on our community and is employed at UC Davis. Individual is detrimental to City and UC Davis reputation and should be fired.
- Liam: Support Hate Free Together. Would rather be sued for standing on the correct side of history; should take action against hateful individual in community.
- Nathia, National Alliance of Mental Illness at UC Davis: Thank government and UC Davis for working together on mental health issues.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk