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Steve Kinsey, Chair, and Commissioners
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: University of California Santa Barbara 2010 Long Range Development Plan

Dear Chair Kinsey and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, I would like to express the Board's support for the proposed update on the Long Range Development Plan (2010 LRDP) for the University of California, Santa Barbara campus (UCSB). UCSB is a world-class institution of higher education that enriches our community and figures prominently in the lives of County residents. The County supports UCSB's academic vision and recognizes the legitimate need for campus growth articulated in the 2010 LRDP.

The County worked extensively with UCSB to ensure that the impacts to the community's infrastructure and services resulting from the growth planned for in the 2010 LRDP will be addressed. The Board of Supervisors entered into four agreements to address impacts associated with transportation and housing, fire protection and emergency services, law enforcement and shared commitments to the community of Isla Vista. With these agreements in place, the Board of Supervisors supports the continued growth of UCSB through its 2010 LRDP.

Since the Board of Supervisors' review of the LRPD in the fall of 2010, through the Coastal Commission staff's review of the LRDP, changes have been incorporated into the plan to address habitat setbacks that have resulted in increased allowed heights of buildings. The County is concerned that visual effects of the plan have been exacerbated as a result of these changes, and requests that your Commission review those changes carefully.

Sincerely,

Steve Lavagnino, Chair
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors