

October 4, 2023

CSM Neighbor  
San Mateo CA 94402

Dear CSM Neighbor,

Since 2020, the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) has dedicated resources to compete for State funding to build desperately needed student housing. In late 2022, the District submitted a project grant application to secure State funding to construct Districtwide student housing at College of San Mateo. The District's application ranked 5<sup>th</sup> out of 21 fiercely competitive community college district applications. The top 6 applicants were awarded funding from the State of California as approved in the 2023-2024 budget, including SMCCCD. In addition, we learned that the project site and scope were locked and unchangeable at the time of awarding. Learn more about the project at [tinyurl.com/studenthousinginfo](https://tinyurl.com/studenthousinginfo).

**Forum #1 – September 18, 2023**

In early September, the District initiated community outreach to share information about this project and solicit feedback. District leadership held the first of two community forums on Monday, September 18. At that meeting, many attendees opposed the planned building site at College of San Mateo Parking Lot W.

Despite the location being locked and hearing the feedback from those in attendance at the September 18 meeting, I directed District staff to open discussions with the California Community College Chancellor's Office to determine if the student housing site could be moved to another parking lot on campus that is centrally located and farther away from neighbors' homes.

**Forum #2 – September 19, 2023**

Discussions began with the CCC Chancellor's Office the next day, and an update was provided at the second community forum on September 19 about the efforts to change the location. Surveys were also provided at that meeting to learn more about the community's concerns and questions. If you haven't taken the survey yet, please do so at [tinyurl.com/CSMstudenthousing](https://tinyurl.com/CSMstudenthousing)

**Forum #3 – October 17, 2023**

I hope you join our third and final community forum to learn about the community feedback received through the surveys and receive an update on the project.

**6:00–7:30 pm**

SMCCCD District Office Board Room  
3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo CA 94402  
or register via Zoom at [tinyurl.com/studenthousing3](https://tinyurl.com/studenthousing3)

We look forward to seeing you.

Best regards,



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