

Dogpatch Community Task Force



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is UCSF expanding in the Dogpatch neighborhood?

The Department of Psychiatry Child, Teen and Family Center at 2130 Third Street is being planned as an outpatient community clinic. The property was donated to UCSF for this use and, more broadly, to allow UCSF to develop a broad array of mental health services to adults, children and families, as well as provide a base for research and training to advance the prevention and treatment of mental illness. UCSF currently provides mental health services at its Parnassus campus. However, UCSF must relocate most of these services to enable the construction of a new hospital by 2030 to meet the state's hospital seismic requirements.

Affordable student housing is a top priority for UCSF. A graduate student and trainee housing complex at 560, 590 and 600 Minnesota Street will make a significant contribution toward increasing the number of affordable housing units that UCSF offers its graduate students and trainees. An increase in affordable graduate student and trainee housing will allow UCSF to continue to recruit the very best talent and reduce the burden on existing market-rate rental housing.

What is the Dogpatch Community Task Force?

In accordance with Community Planning Principles contained in UCSF's 2014 Long Range Development Plan, UCSF formed the Dogpatch Community Task Force to facilitate discussions around the potential impacts of its proposed two developments in the Dogpatch neighborhood and identify actions the University can take to moderate or cushion those impacts.

The task force is composed of 26 members, including Dogpatch and Potrero Hill residents and merchants, representatives of the UCSF Community Advisory Group, representatives from city agencies and members of UCSF staff. Organizations represented on the task force include the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, Dogpatch Business Association SF, Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association, Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association and the Dogpatch Northwest Potrero Green Benefit District.

The task force is scheduled to hold six meetings between September 2016 and March 2017.

How will UCSF minimize the new development's impact on Dogpatch residents?

UCSF takes seriously its responsibility to uphold the Community Planning Principles outlined in its 2014 LRDP, which state:

- In the event that UCSF acquires property or intensifies use of existing property, it will, on a case-by-case basis, enter into discussions with community groups to identify neighborhood impacts, if any.
- In the event that UCSF, the community groups, and/or the City agree that such impacts are likely to occur, UCSF will enter into further discussions with the community to identify potential cushioning actions to offset such impacts.
- Any agreements by UCSF to undertake cushioning actions will be documented in a formal agreement between UCSF, the community groups, and/or the City.

These agreements could utilize a community benefits district if one were to be established by the City. Through the task force process, UCSF and the community will identify potential impacts and determine potential actions to address those impacts.

Do neighbors have a voice in this process?

Yes! There are many Dogpatch neighborhood leaders and neighbors on the task force, and there will be an opportunity for public comment at every task force meeting. We invite everyone in the community to attend the task force meetings and join in the discussion.