

Letter to the President_Measure G Megaproject Task Force re: Email from VC Cheu

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 2 attachments (3 MB)

Email_Board Study Session next steps_Susan Cheu_5-11-2023.pdf; Supporting Information for Letter to President Holmes_Megaproject Task Force 5-22-2023.pdf;

Sent on behalf of the Megaproject Task Force

May 22, 2023

Dear President Holmes,

At this time, we, the Measure G Task Force for the Megaproject, request additional time to do the work before responding to the email from Vice Chancellor Cheu (received May 12, 2023). This email appears to provide deadlines and specific project limitations that were not directly communicated by the Board of Trustees at the May 8, 2023 Study Session. We are not able to meet the May 31, 2023, deadline as directed in the email from VC Cheu.

The task force needs to receive responses to the questions at the end of this letter before we are able to move forward. We would also like confirmation that by allowing us the time to work, there is no jeopardy whereby the district makes decisions on dividing Project 509, De Anza Event Center funding between De Anza and Foothill Colleges, as well as Central Services.

[New Services for Students Building, Project 202:](#)

The task force recognizes Measure G Project 202, New Services for Students Building as a stand-alone project, with a budget allocation that was part of the equal split between the campuses.

It is noted that the campus had undergone in-depth programming efforts during 2022 as it relates to this project. We began value engineering after the campus received direction from the district to remove all instructional space from Project 509, De Anza Event Center. Removing instructional spaces from Project 509 directly impacted the Creative Arts and A-Quad buildings whereby their move changed from swing space (temporary) to relocation (long-term).

Currently, the task force expects that the total allocated amount of \$64,703,600 will be used for Project 202. The task force would like to leave the determination of the New Services for Students project for the campus as it relates to the scope, location, and value engineering once a determination is made with regard to the A-Quad buildings.

[De Anza Event Center, Project 509 :](#)

The task force recognizes that Measure G Project 509, De Anza Event Center has already been subdivided into

three (3) separate projects, including: Project 509-511, Demolition of the Flint Center with a budget of \$12,000,000; Project 509-512, Relocate Utilities-Telecom with a budget of \$2,370,500; and Project 509 De Anza Event Center with a budget of \$87,358,300.

The task force has determined it needs time to gather information and input, and to assess the ideas including an instructional arts complex, flexible conference room space, a student union, etc.

In addition, we recognize the Facilities Master Planning process (both in 2016-2021 and 2021-2026), where the campus identified the need to replace the A-Quad buildings and provide a new arts complex, as well as providing a new student service building.

- https://www.deanza.edu/gov/campus_facilities/documents/FHDA_FMP2016.pdf
- https://www.deanza.edu/gov/campus_facilities/documents/FHDA_FMP_Final_2021_2026.pdf

The task force would also like to honor the original Board of Trustees' directive, specifically regarding that a replacement facility shall serve the instructional and student service needs of De Anza.

"In voting to replace the Flint Center, the Board of Trustees specified that any replacement facility should directly serve the instructional and student service needs of De Anza..."

We want to share with you that we are committed to this "reset" and will be working through the summer, weekly. You can follow our progress on our website on <https://www.deanza.edu/measure-g/task-force/>.

Our questions to you President Holmes:

- What role and authority does the task force have in the reset of the Megaproject at a campus and district level?
- Does this reset warrant an update to our Facilities Master Plan?
- What professional resources are available to the task force (architect, consultant, etc.)?
- What is the definition of the reset for the Megaproject?
- What is the framework of the charge for the task force?
- Does this reset include the New Services for Students Building project or just the Event Center project?
- Is there an opportunity to move away from an event center (as originally conceived as a theater) and towards a student-centered building with instructional and multi-use space(s) that students and community can use?
- Does this reset include the possibility of the campus proposing a new building or complex for Creative Arts (replacing the A-Quad) in the footprint of the Flint Center?
- Does this reset include the possibility of changing the swing space requirements and schedule for the A-Quad buildings?

We look forward to your response and appreciate your guidance.

Sincerely,

The Measure G Task Force, for the "Megaproject"

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Attachments:

- Email from Vice Chancellor Susan Cheu, Subject: Board Study Session – Next Steps, dated May 11, 2023, received May 12, 2023.
- Supporting Information for Letter to President Holmes dated May 22, 2023

Cc: Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees