THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

September 21, 2004

The Regents of the University of California met on the above date at UCSF–Laurel Heights, San Francisco.

Present: Regents Anderson, Hopkinson, Johnson, Kozberg, Montoya, and Ornellas; Advisory members Juline, Rominger, and Brunk

In attendance: Secretary Trivette, Associate Secretary Shaw, Senior Vice President Mullinix, Chancellor Yang, and Recording Secretary Bryan

The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. with Committee Chair Hopkinson presiding.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Regent Hopkinson explained that the Committee had been convened as a Committee of the Whole in order to permit members of the public an opportunity to address matters on the agenda of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. In accordance with applicable laws and Regents' policy, however, those persons who wish to address University-related matters may also speak at this session. The following persons addressed the Board concerning the subjects noted.

Committee on Grounds and Buildings, Item 104: Certification of Environmental Impact Report Amendment of Long Range Development Plan, and Approval of Design of Faculty and Sierra Madre Family Student Housing, Santa Barbara Campus

A. Ms. Tanya Gulesarian, Environmental Defense Center Special Counsel for the Santa Barbara Audubon Society, urged the Regents to direct the campus to review the proposed housing project in order to avoid the destruction of coastal wetlands and to ensure their adequate protection and that of other environmentally sensitive habitats. She asserted that the housing project does not comply with State law, including the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act.

B. Professor Harry Nelson, Vice Chair of the Academic Senate on the Santa Barbara campus, commented that the housing situation in Santa Barbara is dire. He urged the Regents to go forward with this project in order to provide the kind of housing for faculty that will aid in recruitment, which often rests on the housing issue, and in retention of faculty.

C. Professor Walter Yuen, Chair of the Academic Senate on the Santa Barbara campus, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the faculty, who had given the housing project their unanimous support. He noted that the campus will need to

launch a major recruitment effort in the next few years, during which about 30 percent of the current faculty will be retiring. With little or no housing for sale under $800,000, it is necessary to provide an alternative in order to attract and retain faculty. He believed that the issues raised by the Audubon Society were subtle and that the project's design is as responsive as possible to environmental concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Attest:

Secretary