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Via U.S. & Electronic Mail (DSDEAS@sandiego.gov)

Mr. Jeffrey Szymanski, Environmental Planner City of San Diego Development Services Center 1222 First Avenue, MS 501 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Legacy International Center; Project No. 332401/SCH No. 2014081053 - Comments on DEIR

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I write with respect to providing comments to the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Legacy International Center.

UC San Diego was only made aware of this project via an email from a community member earlier this week. Unfortunately, it appears that we were not included in the original notification list, despite the adjacency to the UC San Diego Health Hillcrest campus which compromises a 390-bed hospital, Regional Burn Center, Level I Trauma Center and various other medical disciplines including medical research.

As San Diego's only academic medical center, UC San Diego Health is the region's premier destination for those requiring complex multidisciplinary care. UC San Diego Health Hillcrest is home to the area's only Regional Burn Center, which covers San Diego, Imperial and Riverside Counties, and portions of Arizona. The proposed development also resides within UC San Diego Health's designated Trauma Area, to which our Level I Trauma Center serves.

Review of the Draft EIR for the Legacy International Center reveals that there appear to be significant unmitigated direct and cumulative traffic impacts to the street segments on either side of the Bachman Place intersection. Since no feasible mitigation seems to be identified for this impact in the Draft EIR, UC San Diego has to assume access to our UC San Diego Health Hillcrest campus via Bachman Place would be compromised, negatively impacting its constituents and emergency service providers. Providing unrestricted access is important to UC San Diego Health's tripartite mission to deliver outstanding patient care through commitment to the community, groundbreaking research, and inspired teaching.

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The University requests that careful consideration be given to evaluating the project impacts and providing feasible solutions that result in adequate levels of service that don't degrade access via Bachman Place.

The University requests Anu Delouri be added to the mailing list for all future correspondence pertaining to this project.

Sincerely,

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