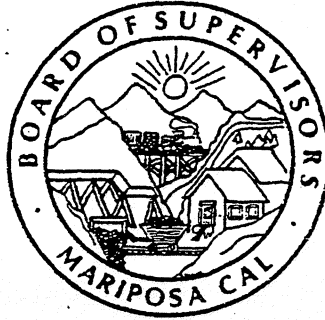


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Robert Smith  
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Topic: Request for time extension to review the University Community Plan and its Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, we would like to request a 15 day extension of time to the September 27 public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. We understand the time deadlines faced by both the University and Merced County, and do not wish to unduly delay project action.

The County of Mariposa has been a significant and early supporter of the University and its related development. The purpose for this request is to assist us balancing staff time in order to provide a review of the project and its potential impacts and benefits for the County.

Our concern centers on the lack of discussion in both the University Community Plan and the UC/Merced Draft Environmental Impact Reports about the La Paloma Road connection from Mariposa County to the University Community and the campus. We have raised this issue numerous times in the planning process.

A short extension would be greatly appreciated. Please advise our Planning Director Eric Jay Toll at 209-966-0302 or [etoll@sierratel.com](mailto:etoll@sierratel.com) as soon as possible.

Yours most sincerely,

Doug Balmain  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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**Response to Comment AP-1:**

As noted previously, the 45-day public review period to submit comments on the UCP Draft EIR was to conclude on September 27, 2001, but was extended one week to October 4, 2001 (see Master Response 6 for a discussion of the public review process). The public comment period was not extended beyond one week. Please see Responses to Comments AX-5 and AX-6 for a discussion of UCP impacts on La Paloma Road.