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Dear Neighbor,

For more than a century, San Francisco State University has played a vital role in shaping the vibrant culture, economic growth and civic fabric of San Francisco and the Bay Area. Today, our university serves nearly 30,000 students. With nationally acclaimed programs in a diverse range of fields, our faculty, staff and graduates — well over 200,000 in number — have contributed to making the Bay Area what it is today, and will be for future generations.

As the demand for enrollment grows and our current facilities continue to age, our university is working diligently to ensure that we can serve the current and future needs of our campus and our community. We are making progress in that direction by actively engaging campus stakeholders and the neighboring residents in an open and transparent long-range planning process, one that each of the 23 campuses within the California State University system follows. SF State last undertook a physical master planning process in 2007, and we are now updating it to ensure that the university has the facilities — academic buildings, housing, amenities and operations infrastructure — we need to fulfill our mission of quality education and public service.

As we plan for the future, we envision a campus with approximately 5,000 more students, more housing for members of our community, new and renovated academic buildings, a hotel and conference center, green spaces for recreation, updated infrastructure and other crucial improvements. We are committed to fulfilling these goals in an environmentally sustainable manner and in a way that will benefit both our campus and the neighborhood, city and regional communities.

We want to hear from you. Your ideas and opinions are important to us as we engage everybody in this comprehensive review of the physical plant. Some of our neighbors have already participated in the preliminary stages of our planning process. I hope you will take a moment to learn more about the concepts behind and details within our proposed plan at sfsu.edu/futurestate. Please share your perspectives with us via the website, or email us at futurestate@sfsu.edu. We will keep you informed about our planning efforts, community meetings and other opportunities to talk about SF State and our plans for the future so that you can be involved throughout the planning process.

The university will also host a series of meetings, where we will share more information about the plan, answer any questions you may have, and have the opportunity to hear your comments and suggestions about it.

The next three meetings are:

1. Sunday, December 2, from 1pm – 3pm, on campus at the SF State Library (Lib 121) on Holloway Avenue
2. Monday, December 3, from 7pm – 9pm, at the Junipero Serra Playground & Clubhouse (300 Stonecrest Dr., San Francisco, CA 94132)
3. Wednesday, December 12, from 5pm – 7pm, on campus at the Towers Conference Center, Presidio Room on State Drive

Members of the university’s planning team would also welcome the chance to meet with you at your convenience to hear your perspectives and answer any questions. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please contact us at futurestate@sfsu.edu. In addition to attending one or more of the meetings and providing us with your contact information to receive updates, you may also comment in writing on the scope of our environmental impact report (EIR) by December 5, 2018. Thereafter and over the course of several months, we will be undertaking an analysis of possible impacts that the plan would have if implemented. For more information about the EIR process and how to comment on it: plan.sfsu.edu/resources. Thank you in advance for reviewing SF State’s plan for the future, and for taking the time to share your opinions and insights with our planning team.

Sincerely,

Leslie E. Wong
President