Date: August 4th, 2017  
Subject: 7 UCSB EAP – Housing Bulletin & Survey

Dear UCSB EAP students (blind copied),

We hope your preparations for your program at UCSB are going well! Please read the information below carefully.

We want to know if you have found housing at UCSB:
Submit your housing information on this short and secure webform so EAP and UCSB Community Housing office (CHO) have an idea of where you are in your housing search. Please complete this webform no later than Monday, August 14th, 9 am Pacific Time.

August Housing Bulletin:
Housing availability is becoming more limited!! You are strongly advised to secure housing PRIOR to arrival at UCSB. You are responsible for securing permanent housing. If you do not secure housing prior to arrival, there is no guarantee that you will find housing for the duration of your program here at UCSB.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact us now so we can assist you or direct you to the proper resources.

If you will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters, we strongly recommend Tropicana Gardens because they offer 1 and 2 quarter contracts. Off-campus student housing at 6549 El Colegio Road is also currently offering quarter-length contracts at great prices! Contact them as soon as possible—see attached flyer for more information!

REMEMBER: When you sign a housing contract, it is a legal commitment and you will not be able to change your housing choice. Many past students have NOT been successful in cancelling or finding someone to take the housing space in their place for the remainder of the contract.

OPTION 1: Tropicana Student Living Communities

- **Tropicana Del Norte**: suite-style residence halls, furnished, with meal plan included  
- **Tropicana Villas**: furnished apartments with no meal plan  
- **Tropicana Gardens**: suite-style residence halls, furnished, with meal plan included

1 or 2 quarter contracts are available at Tropicana Gardens! This option is strongly recommended for students who will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters.

***Please see the attached flyer for price rates at each of the Tropicana Communities.***

OPTION 2: 6549 El Colegio Rd. (Isla Vista)

- Off-campus student housing in Isla Vista  
- All utilities and internet included  
- Single rooms available!  
- Contact information:
1 or 2 quarter contracts are available at 6549 El Colegio Rd! This option is strongly recommended for students who will be at UCSB for only 1 or 2 quarters.

***Please see the attached flyer for price rates and more information about 6549 El Colegio Rd.***

**OPTION 3: Non-University Housing in Isla Vista, Goleta, or Santa Barbara**

If you decide to find non-university owned off-campus housing, please contact the UCSB Community Housing Office (CHO) immediately, and BEFORE you sign a contract or send money to any landlords, to insure that the property is legitimate and not a scam. You can also visit the [UCSB CHO website](mailto:info@meridiangrouprem.com) for current rental listings.

To give you an idea, the cost of living around UCSB is as follows:

**The Costs of Living in Santa Barbara**

2016-2017 Average prices for Apartments in Isla Vista, Goleta and Santa Barbara

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**The Isla Vista area** is a very densely populated student area less than 1 mile from campus where many students live and ride their bike or walk to campus. There may be some sublet situations on the CHO website for both short term and long term students. It is very rare to have your own room. Most students share rooms to keep costs down.

**The Goleta and Santa Barbara areas** are 3 miles to 6 miles from campus. There are many accessible bike paths to use, as well as a bus system which is free for students. Santa Barbara
is farther away than Goleta and is accessible by bus. There are fewer students over a wider area.
If you have ANY QUESTIONS about housing in the community, please call the Community Housing Office at 805-893-4371 or email them at ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu.

**Resources:**

**Join the UCSB EAP Housing Exchange Facebook Group!**
Coming to UCSB for just 1 quarter? Connect with UCSB students who will be studying abroad this fall to arrange a sublease! [https://www.facebook.com/groups/eaphousingexchange](https://www.facebook.com/groups/eaphousingexchange)

**UCSB Housing Facebook Group administered by CHO**
General Facebook group for UCSB students looking for housing in the community. Here, you will find posts from the general UCSB student population, and not just UCSB EAP students. [https://www.facebook.com/groups/364409110289576/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/364409110289576/)

**UCSB EAP Website:** [eap.ucsb.edu/reciprocal-exchange](http://eap.ucsb.edu/reciprocal-exchange)
Bookmark our website and utilize it as your main resource for all information and questions related to UCSB! Note that the Pre-Arrival tab on the left of the page contains all of the Welcome Emails our office has sent you thus far so you can all refer to it if you misplaced the email.

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Genesis and Adrienne W.