Dear Family Housing Applicant,

May 31, 2016

I am writing to officially inform you of the beginning of a planned phase-down of residential operations at Canyon Crest Family Student Housing, which will close effective July 14, 2017. Closure will culminate in the eventual demolition and redevelopment of the current Family Housing site as outlined in the [Campus Physical Master Plan Study](#). Effective immediately, we will no longer make new assignments for Canyon Crest Family Student Housing.

Built in 1940 to serve families of military officers assigned to what was then March Army Air Base, the 55-acre Canyon Crest Family Student Housing was acquired by UCR in 1955 and transformed into housing for married students with families. Despite multiple large-scale renovation projects throughout its 75+ year existence, much of the original above- and below-ground infrastructure remain part of the current site to this day. But the electrical system is challenged to reliably support modern living demands, the water and sewer systems are compromised by wear and inundated with tree root penetrations, and the primary building structure regularly requires partial or complete rebuilds to maintain structural integrity and weather resistance. Considering the high frequency of maintenance-intensive repairs, financially-infeasible environmental abatements, and the regularity of service outages that have burdened the community for many years now, Canyon Crest Family Student Housing is now deemed to be at the end of both its natural and useful lifecycle.

In conjunction with this change, Oban Student Apartments will be upgraded and available to serve as Family Housing before Fall, 2017. Please visit the UCR Housing web site at [www.housing.ucr.edu](http://www.housing.ucr.edu) for more information about options and rates at Oban. Interested and eligible student families from the current Family Housing waiting list will be prioritized over new applicants for this new alternative. (Please note that there is no 3-bedroom option at Oban and, in compliance with fire code, the maximum number of family members that we will be able to accommodate in an Oban apartment will be four.)

If your needs are more immediate or Oban is not a feasible alternative, we invite you to utilize the Off-Campus Housing portion of our website at [housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu) to search for local apartments and homes for rent in the community adjacent to UCR. The many housing search services available online include:

- [ForRent.com](http://ForRent.com)
- [Rent.com](http://Rent.com)
- [ApartmentGuide.com](http://ApartmentGuide.com)
- [zillow.com](http://zillow.com)
- [trulia.com](http://trulia.com)
- [apartments.com](http://apartments.com)

We understand that this information will be of great concern to you and your family and apologize for the inconvenience of this reality. Although we intend to communicate regularly during this phase-down period, you are welcome to contact us at any time at housinginfo@ucr.edu or (951) 827-6350.

Sincerely,

Bob Brumbaugh, Senior Director
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