



Unity in the Community for Progress **Durham, North Carolina**

February 6, 2009

Mr. Erskine Bowles, President
The University of North Carolina
910 Raleigh Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515

Dear President Bowles,

Your December 16, 2008 email indicated that you had no jurisdiction on the NCCU master plan issue. However, our review of University of North Carolina policy and North Carolina state law indicated that UNC constituent schools have a responsibility to consider "environmental aspects and consequences of their actions". Master plans and the demolition of historic structures over fifty years old have been identified as activities causing potential major environmental impacts and requiring compliance with state environmental laws.

Although Unity in the Community for Progress (UCP) members have kept you apprised of our ongoing concern about impacts from NCCU's master plan, it appears that our requests have fallen on deaf ears in Durham and in Chapel Hill.

By copy of the attached letter to Chancellor Nelms and under the provisions of the North Carolina Public Records Act, UCP requests a copy of all environmental assessments, studies and reports and any other documents completed by or on behalf of NCCU in compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (NCEPA) -- also known as the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (SEPA) and UNC Policy 1300.3(R) regarding the NCCU master plan -- so that we may share the findings with community members.

Your written response can be directed to Larry Hester, 908 Fayetteville Street, Suite 201, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

Sincerely,

Larry Hester

CC: Representative Larry Hall
Representative Paul Luebke
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