Here at Chapman, we work hard to make sure that our neighbors and the community we love always enjoy the benefits of us being here, and make every effort to mitigate the concerns of our community. One of the tools we use to accomplish that goal is the Chapman University Specific Plan.

First approved by the City of Orange in 1989, the Specific Plan defines the University’s plans for the development and improvement of our campus. It’s been updated regularly, but the most recent amendment, proposed in 2015, was suspended due to concerns expressed by the City and the community. In the years since, we have worked hard to resolve those issues, improve relationships and enhance the image of Chapman University as an integral part of the City and its surrounding community.

On September 5th, Amendment 7 to the Specific Plan was finalized and submitted to City officials. The approval process is lengthy and involved [see sidebar], and we’re committed to keeping you informed at every step. There will be multiple opportunities for public comment over the course of the next 14 months, and we welcome the community’s involvement moving forward.

Here are the areas of campus development addressed in the plan:

- Defines development standards and allowable land use within the specific plan. These boundaries are within the University’s current footprint and do not encroach on areas outside that footprint.
- Allows for the updating and renaming of buildings, promenades and plaza names.
- Sets site planning guidelines, landscaping standards, and lighting and signing regulations.
- Allows for a modest growth of our student population over the next ten years.

Along with multiple reviews by City staff, the approval process includes a complete Environmental Impact Report (EIR), along with a Traffic Study that will analyze the possible impact to traffic circulation generated by the proposed changes. In late 2020, the plan will be addressed in open hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council before a final decision is reached.

As always, we’re here to respond to your concerns and questions about the Specific Plan and the approval process. As a part of this vibrant, welcoming community, it’s our goal to be the best neighbor possible!

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- It’s the second new dorm Chapman has opened in the last year. In 2018, the Chapman Grand apartments in Anaheim’s Platinum Triangle were converted to dorms that house an additional 900 students.
- With the opening of the new dorms, we’ve achieved our goal of providing campus to 50% of undergraduates two years ahead of schedule.

**TIMELINE OF SPA7 APPROVAL PROCESS**

- **SEPT. 5:** Submittal of Amendment 7 of the University’s Specific Plan
- **MID NOVEMBER:** Initial Traffic Study
- **END OF DECEMBER:** Initial Draft EIR ready for City review
- **MID-MAY 2020 TO THE END OF JUNE:** Draft EIR available for public review
- **NOV-DEC 2020:** City Council Public Hearings (two meetings required for approval)

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR**

**HERE TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

**HOW CHAPMAN MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY**

- **BOOST ECONOMY**
  - We are contributing to employment and revenue generation for Orange County.
  - $66 MILLION through staff and faculty salaries, vendor business, and student and visitor spending to the City of Orange.

- **INCREASE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**
  - We are minimizing student, faculty, staff parking and driving in residential areas near Orange campus.

- **INCREASE STUDENT HOUSING**
  - We are housing 50% of undergraduates in Chapman-owned residential facilities.
  - 1301 additional beds at Chapman University since 2018.

- **MINIMIZE STUDENT DISTURBANCES**
  - We are minimizing the number of disruptive parties and student conduct issues in partnership with local authorities.

- **623 people per day use off-campus shuttles and therefore do not drive to campus.**

- **32 LIAISON visits in 2018, leveraging preventative efforts to minimize disturbances in surrounding neighborhoods.**

- **Need to report a concern?**
  - Contact Chapman University’s Office of Community Relations at (714) 289-2097 or email neighbors@chapman.edu.
  - To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at (714) 744-7444.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University's online events calendar, www.chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

Homecoming Football Game
Saturday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Ernie Chapman Stadium
Come watch the Chapman Panthers take on Whittier College in this year’s Homecoming matchup. Bring your friends and family to root on the home team. Win or lose, you’re sure to have a great time! Don’t miss the fireworks show at halftime!
For more great sporting events visit chapmanathletics.com.

The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra
Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Musco Center Lobbies
William “Count” Basie launched his iconic orchestra in Kansas City in 1935, propelling it to fame as one of the definitive ensembles of the Big Band Era. The 17-member group serves up that signature, feel-good Basie sound: foot-stomping swing, soaring dynamic contrasts and very, very danceable rhythms.
To see the complete 2019-20 Musco Center season visit muscocenter.org.

University Singers in Concert
Sunday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Orange
Chapman University’s choral concert season opens with the 34-voice University Singers and guest organist Lynnette McGee performing Mozart’s Missa brevis in F and Benjamin Britten’s Te Deum in C. Director of Choral Activities Stephen Coker conducts. Free to attend.

Find more news at NeighborsofChapman.com

OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR PROMISE

Do have questions, concerns or comments about Chapman University’s Specific Plan and how it will affect our community? Visit our website for more information or to reach out to Community Relations staff.

chapman.edu/goodneighbor

And like our Facebook page to receive timely news and updates on the approval process.

facebook.com/ChapmanUCommunity

“The K demonstrates Chapman’s commitment to creating the best experience for our students, while also being a good neighbor to the citizens of Orange,” says President Daniele Struppa of our newest Residence Hall, which was designed to fit in with the vintage industrial vibe of Old Towne Orange.