

About the Master Plan

USC's University Park campus master planning process was launched in 2006 with the goal of providing a visionary framework for the physical development of the campus and the prosperity of its surrounding community in the coming years, driven by ideals expressed in the Role and Mission of the University of Southern California and in support of USC's Plan for Increasing Academic Excellence.

Details about the [USC Master Plan can be viewed on their website](#) , including their mission, goals, potential developments and renderings.

NANDC Involvement

The Empowerment Congress North Area neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) Economic Development Committee met on March 25th, 2010 to discuss the needs of stakeholders in regards to the community benefits package to result from the USC specific plan. At this successful forum, over 30 community members, representing long-term residences, business owners, and students came together to voice their concerns and discuss the needs of the community as a whole. The conversation identified two topics as the major concern: housing and jobs.

The community is looking for commitments in community benefits in various aspects of housing, examining expanding current covenants, rehab of current affordable housing units, possible new builds, an equity fund to acquire multi unit student housing to return the buildings to single family community residence as well as the need for affordable student housing from USC.

The USC specific plan brings with it job opportunity but the community is looking for a commitment in job training for these new opportunities, as well as programs to preserve local businesses and creating an alternate rehabed retail area on Vermont Ave.

These topics were mainly discussed as a whole and the above specific programs will be further fleshed out at the next NANDC economic Development meeting on April 29th 2010.

As the Neighborhood Council in the affected area of the USC plan, we represent all stakeholders and do not carry a specific agenda, and we expect to have true and meaningful input in the community benefits package resulting from the USC specific plan. We anticipate continued updates on the community benefits and we will be working closely with USC to be sure that the needs of our community are met.

Want to be part of the dialogue? Contact [Samantha Foley](#) , Area 3 Representative