

FROM THE GROUND UP

Hillcrest Redevelopment Project

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OUR MISSION

To deliver outstanding patient care through commitment to the community, groundbreaking research and inspired teaching.

OUR VISION

To create a healthier world — one life at a time — through new science, new medicine and new cures.

“Our Medical Center in Hillcrest is one of the most vital assets in the region. Our legacy of compassion and innovation continues as we build the future of health care in partnership with our community.”



The Future of Care in Hillcrest

UC San Diego Health has been providing complex medical and surgical care, training new physicians, and offering early access to innovative therapies and treatments since 1966. We do this by continuously asking, “What is the future of health care?” Our latest answers include a modern, more accessible destination for comprehensive health care ... in Hillcrest.

Our reimagined Hillcrest Medical Campus will feature new services and expand core critical care. UC San Diego Health’s top-ranked medical and surgical services will combine cancer, orthopedic surgery, women’s health and other highly sought after academic medical specialties at our new Hillcrest Outpatient Pavilion in 2025.

In the years that follow, we will build a new hospital and workforce housing, improve wayfinding, and add community resources and educational opportunities that will launch San Diego into a healthier, more fulfilling future.

UC San Diego Health will continue to drive innovation and exploration, act as an educational and economic engine, and serve our community with the same compassion we always have in new facilities that afford our patients every advantage. We can’t wait for you to experience the future of health care at our transformed Hillcrest Medical Campus.

Patty Maysent
CEO, UC San Diego Health

COMMUNITY VOICES — LAURIE BLACK



In March of 2009, my now late husband became ill — diagnosed with stage IV malignant metastatic melanoma and given two weeks to two months to live. Initially, he was at another local institution and they gave me their prognosis. It took me one phone call to know that my beloved needed to be at UC San Diego Health. He lived almost three years, which was a miracle. I credit UC San Diego Health's Hillcrest Medical Campus, as well as Moores Cancer Center, for the excellent care and the significant improvements to my husband's quality of life for the additional years he survived.

I have spent more than 25 years advocating for UC San Diego, and I am a vocal supporter of the UC San Diego Hillcrest Redevelopment Project because of the excellent care my family received, and UC San Diego Health's commitment to providing the same care to every patient and every family — including uninsured patients and patients from under-resourced communities. I am proud to honor my husband and support UC San Diego Health's growth with a bench in his memory.

Laurie Black is a former trustee of the UC San Diego Foundation Board, which she will rejoin in July.

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT — ELIZABETH (LIZ) BILLBERRY



The health and safety of our community is our number one priority. As the senior director of Health Security & Parking, Off-Site CORE Operations, and Divisional Business Administration, Liz Billberry leads the effort to enhance safety measures, such as an increased number of security agents, improved lighting on pathways, and ongoing training for staff in the event of a crisis.

"I work closely with safety and security personnel across the county and state, and they know when patients and visitors come here they receive

"I'm excited to witness the redevelopment of the Hillcrest Medical Campus — the planned mobility and transportation infrastructure improvements will ease congestion and improve access to and from campus."

the highest quality care in a safe environment. To me, safety means the ability to move around the workplace/campus without fear of harm by anyone, whether it be a team member, patient or visitor."

PROTECTING CANYON WILDLIFE

While much of the Hillcrest Medical Campus is developed land, its natural canyon areas are home to many native plant and wildlife species. The slopes are covered by Diegan coastal sage scrub, found only along the Southern California coast.

This habitat supports a vibrant biodiversity, with over 63 native plant species and 33 native wildlife species identified on campus land.

To protect these species, including a nesting Cooper's hawk pair, we designated 20-plus acres of the campus as "Canyon District" land use to allow for the continued preservation of the natural open space.

Also, the potential for indirect "edge effect" impacts by nearby development will be mitigated through measures such as barriers, signage, and using only appropriate lighting and landscaping when adjacent to the Canyon District.



Transforming UC San Diego Health – Hillcrest Medical Campus

In 1966, UC San Diego took over operations of the county hospital in Hillcrest. In 1981, the university purchased the hospital outright. Over the years, our Hillcrest Medical Campus has been upgraded, expanded and adapted to changing needs, including seismic safety mandates requiring that much of the site be replaced.

The \$3 billion UC San Diego Hillcrest Redevelopment Project will transform 62 acres through multiple phases, which include a new hospital and workforce housing, improved wayfinding, and additional community resources and educational opportunities.

Phase 1 will establish the gateway for our Hillcrest campus

- Includes a 250,000-square-foot **OUTPATIENT PAVILION** (see rendering) planned to open in **2025**. A comprehensive array of anticipated clinical services includes: specialty care such as oncology, neurosurgery, and orthopedics; ambulatory surgery operating rooms; and advanced imaging, infusion and radiation oncology.

- A 1,850-space **parking structure** planned to open in **2024**.

The new structure will replace two existing parking structures, consolidating patient and employee parking.



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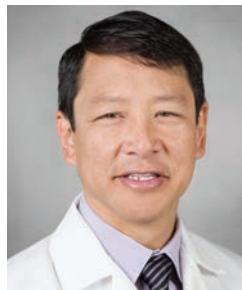
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Visit health.ucsd.edu/hillcrest for more information about the current and future phases for the UC San Diego Health – Hillcrest Medical Campus. The redevelopment project represents a reimagining of how academic medicine can better serve you, your family and the whole community.

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CLINICIAN SPOTLIGHT – TED CHAN, MD



Ted Chan, MD, chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, said of the redevelopment project, "I came to UC San Diego Health in the early '90s as a resident and have stayed on as faculty in the ED ever since. During those decades, our ED has cared for nearly 1.5 million patients – through severe flu seasons, the AIDS crisis, wildfire disasters, and now, the COVID-19 pandemic. As our region has grown, particularly in the central and south county areas, it's clear we need a new and expanded Hillcrest facility that will continue to serve our community and patients for generations to come."

"The superb multidisciplinary medical teams at UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest provide the highest quality of care to our community. The new Hillcrest campus will strengthen our position as the beacon of health care in San Diego County and beyond."
