WHEREAS, The campus administration has chosen to site the proposed football, soccer, and baseball facilities on the prime agricultural land located south of Highland Drive between Highway I and the railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, This land has been used by various academic programs for 90 years as prime and convenient laboratory space for teaching many classes; and

WHEREAS, The College of Agriculture faculty, department heads, staff, and Dean have protested the loss of this prime agricultural land since the site selection process was begun over four years ago; and

WHEREAS, Only 86 acres of prime agricultural land are available on campus and this project would build on 28 acres of it, and the adjacent 10 prime acres planted with mature citrus and avocado trees would become unusable for agricultural purposes; and

WHEREAS, This site is not served by utilities, is separated from the main campus by a railroad track, contains an environmentally sensitive creek ecosystem, cannot share existing parking, and raises compatibility issues related to access, noise, glare, and traffic congestion that have not been adequately evaluated; and

WHEREAS, There may be other sites available that are more convenient to the campus core, have parking available, and are much less disruptive to the curriculum; and the College of Agriculture is willing, and has been willing, to cooperate on the use of these, and other sites; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recognize this as a curriculum issue; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That as a curriculum issue this negatively impacts university instruction; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommend to the President that a site for the proposed athletic facilities be chosen following consultation with, and agreement from, the appropriate academic groups to insure that these facilities represent the best overall use of the land; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That an appropriate consultation process be pursued relative to all land use matters on the campus.

Proposed by the College of Agriculture
March 28, 1995
Revised May 23, 1995
Thank you for forwarding to me the AS-440-95/CAGR Resolution on College of Agriculture Land Use.

I appreciate the thought and attention given to this matter by the Academic Senate. The views expressed in AS-440-95/CAGR will be given careful consideration as campus land use policies are developed.