

The Willard Neighborhood Association

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To: City Council & Mayor, City of Berkeley

Linda Williams, Assoc. Chancellor, Univ. of California

From: Willard Neighborhood Association

Date: June 27, 2008

Re: Move Out 2008

The Willard Neighborhood Association would like to take this opportunity to thank both the City of Berkeley and the Student/Neighbor Relations Task Force of the University of California for their efforts in making this year's "Move-Out program" more effective than last year's successful program. The "Move-Out program 2008" allowed students to recycle or dispose of their unwanted furniture and other household goods without damaging the neighborhood as has occurred in past years. It's continued success gives us hope that in the future, the students and neighbors in the South Campus area will be even more inclined to use the resources provided for their unwanted items.

We are particularly encouraged by the collaboration of our elected officials, City Staff, University Administration, students, and neighborhood volunteers to implement the program. Special recognition should go to Jim Hynes and Shallon Allen for coordinating the City of Berkeley's efforts and to Irene Hegarty and Ben Krupicka from the Student/Neighbor Relations Task Force. The reuse of the student-designed poster to aid branding and the volunteer-run recycling center on Haste, along with neighborhood showed that this is a problem that we can all get behind and work together toward solutions.

We appreciate what is clearly a major step in improving the quality of life our neighborhood and look forward to an even better program next year with greater participation from all involved.

Sincerely,

Vincent Casalaina

President, Willard Neighborhood Association