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Follow Up from 08/13 meeting

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Wed, Aug 19, 2026 at 3:42 PM

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Cc: VEST Commission '25-26 <vestm82-group@ucsc.edu>

Dear Dan, Ed, and Clement,

Thank you again for meeting with VEST. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our outstanding concerns and establish a clearer process for communication and collaboration moving forward.

As part of VEST's commitment to transparency and accountability, we have consolidated our notes from the meeting and intend to publish them on the VEST website as a public record of our discussions with TAPS. Before doing so, we want to provide TAPS with an opportunity to review the notes and confirm that they accurately reflect the commitments, clarifications, and discussions from the meeting.

Our understanding of the key outcomes is as follows:

- TAPS will provide VEST with annual budget information and accommodate off-cycle data requests, with turnaround times depending on the scope and complexity of the request.
- TAPS and VEST will meet twice per quarter, specifically in Week 5 and Week 9, with additional meetings possible when extenuating or time-sensitive circumstances require them.
- The previously proposed multi-year parking permit increase schedule is no longer being implemented as a predetermined multi-year plan. Only the first-year increase has taken effect, and future changes will be determined through further review and collaboration.
- TAPS clarified that students living on campus remain eligible to purchase parking permits.
- VEST will be incorporated into the future committee/review process concerning parking rates and implementation, with the final structure and charge of that process still to be determined.
- TAPS will work with VEST on the development of questions for the upcoming transportation survey, anticipated for October/November.
- TAPS is open to reviewing specific proposals from VEST regarding parking alternatives, transportation efficiencies, and alternative revenue approaches.
- Regarding our March 10 data request, our understanding was that we would receive the requested information following our meeting.

- VEST reiterated its request for 2025–26 permit sales broken down by permit type, including both quantities sold and revenue generated, as well as all quarterly ACT-TAP reports. We have received the ACT-TAP reports but not the permit sales as of this email.

We also want to follow up on the document VEST previously submitted to TAPS. As discussed, we are requesting TAPS's formal acknowledgement and acceptance of the **VEST/TAPS working protocols document** so that we can move forward with a shared understanding of the framework outlined within it. If there are specific provisions that TAPS cannot accept as written, please identify those provisions so that we can resolve them directly.

We also object to the creation of the proposed additional committee to review parking rates and future changes, as VEST already serves the intended purpose of providing student oversight, review, consultation, and accountability regarding transportation and parking matters. Future review and consultation concerning parking rates and related proposals should therefore occur through VEST rather than through the creation of a duplicative committee.

Additionally, we wanted to address some snide comments during the meeting. While doing introductions before getting started, Dan Henderson had made the comment "is intensive psychology real or are you just making it intensive to call it that" to a student. As someone who works in academia, it's incredibly disheartening to hear someone essentially categorize one's major as fake. This was unacceptable as the VEST is meeting in good faith with TAPS, yet you are treating us as less than equal. We wanted to call this out and set the precedent as we hope to not have any further issues such as this.

Furthermore, TAPS will meet with VEST on September 11, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM to continue the discussion and address follow-up items from the previous meeting.

Since these notes will be made publicly available, please let us know if anything above does not accurately reflect what was discussed. We are happy to discuss any factual discrepancies before publication, but otherwise will treat these notes as VEST's record of the meeting.

We appreciate TAPS's willingness to establish a more consistent working relationship with VEST and look forward to continuing this work throughout the academic year.

Best,

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Fri, Aug 21, 2026 at 3:30 PM

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Hi Dan, Ed, and Clement

I wanted to follow up regarding the email we sent after our recent meeting with TAPS.

As discussed during the meeting, we would appreciate a written acknowledgment, within 48 hours of the email being sent, of the email and the understandings outlined within it. Since these points reflect the outcomes and commitments discussed between VEST and TAPS, we want to ensure that we have a shared record moving forward.

We are also still awaiting the **2025–26 parking permit sales breakdown** discussed during the meeting, including the number of permits sold by permit type and the corresponding revenue generated. Please let us know when we can expect to receive this information. We were assured this information would be sent to us within this week.

We would appreciate confirmation of both items at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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