

Buildings, Building Codes, Land Use

0. Let's consider placing a higher emphasis on urban infill. Where are there possibilities for infill near UCSD? [new land: Gilman canyon, Rose Canyon, near 805 where Earth Liberation Front burnt the 1500 unit La Jolla Crossroads apartment complex under construction August 1, 2003 "If you build it - we will burn it. The E.L.F.s are mad.", \$50 million fire; redevelopment: 2 story apartments into 4 or 6 story towers]
1. ELF press release: "The Earth Liberation Front is an international underground organization that uses direct action in the form of economic sabotage to stop the destruction of the natural environment. Since 1997, the ELF in North America has caused over \$100 million in damages to entities who profit from the destruction of life and the planet." Is ELF pursuing a sustainable "smart growth" strategy?
2. Is open space near campus or affordable housing more important? What are the merits of open space? What are the merits of affordable housing?
3. Compare single family and low rise apartments with big towers? Which ones have more HVAC, more infrastructure, hallway lighting, outdoor lighting, elevators, etc?
4. If denser housing is desirable, what environmental measures might we expect building codes to require?
5. What about mixed-use development? What is it? Where should it be pursued? Where is it being pursued? What are the problems? What are the appeals?
6. About the same time as the ELF arson case in UTC, ELF was also burning and vandalizing SUVs at dealerships in LA. How do you compare the environmental impact of Hummers and multi-story apartment complexes?
7. Rose Canyon: Louis Rose purchased 650 acres from Mexican ranchers in 1853. Rose built a ranch, a tannery, planted a vineyard, and mined coal deposits and clay. In 1882, the California Southern Railroad completed a track through the canyon. By 1912, there was a train stop near the current Gilman Drive, the Elvira station. Subsequent landowners expanded on Rose's notion of using Rose Canyon commercially. Ultimately the Sawday Ranch was maintained until the 1960's, when the last structures were removed. Current debate is not whether to build in the canyon, but whether to build a bridge across it.