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Update to the De Anza College Facilities Master Plan 2016 Fall 2019

The closure of the Flint Center for the Performing Arts provides a timely and unique opportunity to explore ways to mitigate the growing housing crisis confronting De Anza College students, employees and the broader community. This crisis is characterized as both “critical” and worsening in a 2019 joint report by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

The closure also allows the college to consider options for a safer, more accessible flexible-space venue that could accommodate more college and community needs than the almost half-century-old Flint structure, as well as provide a potential revenue stream.

A formal process for updating the De Anza Facilities Master Plan is scheduled to begin in 2020 and will include a comprehensive review of campus needs. In the interim, pursuing options for housing and event space in the region of the former Flint Center would be consistent with the equity-based principles adopted in the 2016 plan. These principles include: “replace inefficient and underperforming facilities”; “improve facilities to support innovation and equity”; and “develop flexible, multipurpose facilities to adapt over time.”