



Napa County doesn't need another city [Allen Spence](#)

I am writing in direct response to [the letter from Dr. Heather Knight](#), the president of Pacific Union College.

Like the claims in the presidential campaign, it is time to ask for [FactCheck.org](#).

While it is true that there were multiple meetings between Save Rural Angwin and Heather Knight, she fails to mention several significant facts.

Save Rural Angwin came to the table with a viable offer with two simple requirements: out of sight is out of mind; and no development in the green field.

When Dr. Knight said she wanted an entrance into Angwin by building the commercial area in the current hayfields, Save Rural Angwin suggested a green environmental entrance, like a park or green space. This was met with silence.

When we asked to discuss the land issues related to development, Knight consistently replied that she was not up on the specifics of the land-use situation.

Throughout the discussions, we provided feedback and compromise in an open, sincere attempt to work with the college.

Upon approval of the Pacific Union College master plan, Dr. Knight did meet with Save Rural Angwin to show that they were moving the commercial space well into the green fields, and mentioned that there were offers for the property Pacific Union College had listed for sale.

She added the exclamation point that she wanted an entrance to Angwin, and at that point the discussion ended.

It is my belief that Dr. Knight does not realize, or chooses to ignore, that the land Pacific Union College is offering to the developer that proposed 580 homes in Angwin will open the door to 380-plus homes in Angwin.

It is hard to imagine that Dr. Knight did not understand the land issues related to an inappropriate development. So was it a ploy to win the community over?

Additionally, it smacks as disingenuous to claim that passing Measure U could cost Napa County taxpayers \$1.3 million when that is the cost of a Pacific Union College lawsuit.

Napa County voters have consistently protected the values of land preservation in place of pavement and developer profits.

I sincerely hope voters will continue to vote with their hearts to protect a special county in America, and not support a developers dreams to begin the building of a sixth city in Napa County.

Voting "yes" is the best position on Measure U.

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