

PUC doesn't speak for all of Angwin

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I am writing in regard to the Angwin initiative, known as Measure U, and why I believe we all should be supporters.

Dr. Heather Knight, president of Pacific Union College, [defends the college's plan for large-scale development in Angwin](#). If Dr. Knight and the board of trustees were merely aiming to make decisions for Pacific Union College, that would be their right.

But they are attempting to make decisions that affect all of Angwin (population 3,051 as of the 2010 census) and will negatively impact the lives of its residents.

We live in a democracy, which means that everyone should have a voice; therefore, it is entirely appropriate that those who object to Pacific Union College's plans have their voices heard. That's how a democracy works.

Knight also characterizes Measure U as "divisive," as if it were somehow intrusive and offensive to resist the board's attempt to steamroll over the greater interests of residents of Angwin and Napa County in general (whose taxes will go to fund this development and its long-term consequences).

The developers' "little secret" is that the costs associated with providing long-range services to a distant community like this make it a money loser at the county level. Taxpayers ultimately bite the bullet.

Pacific Union College is a private college in Angwin, not the whole of Angwin. Angwin is not an independent Seventh-day Adventist-run state, but a community located in Napa County and supported by its taxpayers.

Perhaps someone needs to remind Pacific Union College's president and board of trustees of this fact.

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