

# NOT A "TOWN HALL" .....

## Invitation to a Northern California Faculty gathering to discuss the future of the Public University

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this letter is being sent to all SCFA members

To the Members of SCFA:

We would like to share with you an invitation to an event which is happening in Berkeley on September 30. This has been planned as an informal gathering of Northern California Faculty who would like to discuss in a less reactive stance options for the future of the University of California. They anticipate a group of roughly 30 people and have requested that you RSVP to [rosenberg@cucfa.org](mailto:rosenberg@cucfa.org) if you plan to attend. Nobody will be turned away, but they would like to get an idea of how much space and refreshments they will need.

Not a "town hall"...

Please join us for a conversation and organizing meeting among faculty from the Northern California UC campuses to discuss faculty visions for the UC system over the next year and beyond. In recent years, the campuses have confronted a seemingly endless string of state, UCOP and campus administration generated atrocities and bad ideas. All too often our energies are depleted in responding to the latest local fiasco or outrage.

In this gathering, we hope to do something different and less reactive: to meet colleagues at other campuses concerned with these issues and continue to build cross-campus contacts, discussions and community; to further define a set of specifically faculty perspectives on the project of the public university and our role within it; and to begin to hammer out multiple possible interventions in the current morass.

**Chris Newfield, author of *Unmaking the Public University***, will be joining us and will start with some brief thoughts on the current situation, and then we will open to a broader discussion.

Sponsored by the Berkeley Faculty Association and FOG (Faculty Organizing Group, UCSC).

Sunday September 30, 12:00-3:00.  
Wheeler 330, UC Berkeley.

Refreshments provided.

RSVP ([rosenberg@cucfa.org](mailto:rosenberg@cucfa.org))