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Over the past few weeks, we've received many messages and phone calls from concerned alumni like yourself who are wondering about The D.O.'s future at 744 Ostrom Ave. As many of you know and are aware of, SU has proposed building student housing on Ostrom Avenue, including in the current location of The D.O. The housing is part of SU's Campus Framework and would be the last student housing built as part of the plan, which is currently in its draft phase. With that in mind, please use this "cheat sheet" as your guide to what's going on and how you can help. We're deeply appreciative of your support. Please reach out with any questions you might have.

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What is the Campus Framework plan?

The Campus Framework plan is one of three parts included in the Fast Forward Syracuse initiative, which was started in 2014 shortly after Kent Syverud was inaugurated as Syracuse University's chancellor. The Campus Framework is intended as a guideline for the future of SU's physical campus development over the next 20 years. One of the long-term plans is the construction of additional student housing.

How does this affect The D.O.?

After 18 months of planning and campus outreach, a draft of the plan was released in June. As you'll see in the graphic on the right, there is proposed student housing at 744 Ostrom Ave.

What do we know now?

The university owns the property of 744 Ostrom Ave. and is leased to The D.O. The university has a housing problem. For years it has relied on the **Sheraton** to house students and administrators have been vocal about the need for more housing. SU is looking to move the majority, if not all, of student housing to main campus. The proposed student housing on Ostrom in this draft framework is not in the first round of projects and is years away from being built. The university has also communicated that construction would likely not begin until the Schine Student Center is renovated to house The D.O. alongside other student organizations.

How can you help?

The plan is currently in its draft phase. Because of this, we have the opportunity to comment on the plan and give our feedback. We want to stress to the university just how important 744 Ostrom Ave. has been for generations of D.O. staffers. This input, coupled with meetings with the chancellor and chief facilities officer, will provide a strong voice in support of the legendary D.O. house. While we're realistic about how impactful our feedback will be, The D.O. Board of Directors is taking additional steps, including the formation of a task force, to assess the house's future.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM

"Prior to 2005, Nancy Cantor's first year as chancellor, the freshman class typically consisted of about **2,600 students**. After planned increases and higher rates of enrollment under Cantor, the average size of the freshman class by 2014 was about 3,400 students." When the housing lottery ended that year, about 200 Syracuse University students were locked out of on-campus housing. The incoming class of 2015 was even larger than the 3,400 average, coming in at **3,481 students**, respectively.



"What does 744 Ostrom Ave. mean to me?"

To comment on the plan go to campusframework.syr.edu/comment/ and add your input under "Framework Recommendations." If you are looking for a prompt, answer the question: "What does 744 Ostrom Ave. mean to me?" Again, this input is crucial and input from alumni is incredibly valuable. Please comment by Tuesday, July 26.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the future of The D.O. at 744 Ostrom or about anything D.O. related, please reach out to Justin Mattingly at editor@dailyorange.com.