



Memo

Date:

To: Community Partners

From: Debi Gore-Mann, President & CEO

Subject: Casa Joaquin Murrieta Temporary Closure

Dear friends and allies,

This memo serves to announce the temporary closure of the Casa Joaquin Murrieta Residential Leadership program from June - December 2023. Casa Joaquin Murrieta has been a home away from home for many low and moderate income college students from diverse backgrounds. To continue building upon and adding to the rich legacy of Casa, we will be undertaking capital improvements to the house. Due to these capital improvements, we will not be accepting applications for the Fall 2023 semester. Our goal is to re-open Casa J to students, alumni, parents, and student groups in Spring 2024.

Casa Joaquin Murrieta was founded in 1970 by Chicano/Latino students who were intent on increasing the racial and ethnic diversity of students on campus. At that time, there were only 150 Chicano students on the UC Berkeley campus. For over 40 years, the Casa Joaquin Murrieta program has remained a historical site of advancing racial and social justice for full-time undergraduate students from multi-racial backgrounds. Our 10 month program provides the following:

- A safe, inclusive, and affordable residency and all-inclusive meal plans
- Mentorship through Greenlining's Leadership Academy to nurture and develop leadership skills
- Academic support, connections to on-campus resources, and insight on career and educational trajectories
- Opportunity to cultivate student leadership to advocate for social justice and equity on campus and in your community
- Opportunity to develop life-long friendships and professional networks



We appreciate your continued support and look forward to announcing our reopening. Visit our website at <https://greenlining.org/work/leadership-academy/casa-joaquin/> for more information.
