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George Lattimer

University of California, San Diego is fortunate to have longtime friends who move in and out of support roles across the campus over the years, becoming sources of institutional memory. George Lattimer is such a friend, an advisor whose counsel has been sought many times over decades spanning several chancellors' tenures, and the University's early relationship with the community. "I was very involved in real estate development in University City, and because there is an interrelationship between the growth of the University and of that area, I was invited to participate in discussions involving a variety of infrastructure issues."

His involvement with UC San Diego has a personal element, as well. In the late 1980s, George and his wife Carol hosted a few international high school students in their home. One of those students, Mladen, returned to San Diego to enter UC San Diego after serving a year's conscription in the Yugoslavian army. Mladen stayed to earn his Ph.D. in physics at UC San Diego and today is a scientist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Janelia Farm Research Campus. Further deepening the connection with UC San Diego, the Lattimer's daughter, Heather, who is the Chair of the Department of Learning and Teaching at the University of San Diego, earned her Ed.D. from UC San Diego in 2006.

The Lattimers established the George W. and Carol A. Lattimer Endowed Campus Professorship to promote cross-collateral work between scientists and non-scientists at UC San Diego. "It gives a professor a kind of on-campus sabbatical," explains George. The Lattimers are also longtime supporters of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Chancellor's Associates and many other areas on campus.

Arguably, his most important contribution to the university is his role as informed liaison with the community. In 1968 George joined the real estate firm that was developing the 5,400-acre then-new community of Rancho Bernardo in San Diego. Within six months, Rancho Bernardo Inc. had become a subsidiary of the conglomerate, Avco Corporation. With the infusion of Avco's resources, rapid growth ensued, with George assuming new responsibilities culminating in the position of Director of Multi-family Development. This offered the opportunity to manage all elements of major apartment projects from inception to sales.

In early 1973, George was invited to join in establishing a new real estate development entity, Harry L. Summers, Inc. George directed and coordinated many facets of HLSI's activities, including land acquisition, design, construction, finance, sales and leasing as well as the operation of investment properties. To date his professional experience includes involvement in projects totaling 1.7 million square feet of office space plus approximately 6,000 residential units. Since mid-1987 George has been an independent investor.

George served five years on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Centre City Development Corporation, concluding his tenure as chairman. He has also been a member of various City ad-hoc task forces, the Building Industry Association's Board of Directors and the BIA President's Council. George's

current civic commitments are to the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees and the University Community Planning Group, of which he is a past chairman.

George was born and raised in northwestern New York State. He studied chemical engineering at the University of Rochester on an NROTC scholarship, and then served four years in Navy submarines – largely in San Diego. In 1966 he entered Harvard Business School for his MBA. In addition to taking the best job opportunity available, he and Carol were delighted to return to San Diego in 1968.