My Ideal City:
Univercity
Univercity will be known for its variety in architecture innovation and style, as well as being eco-friendly in energy production/conservation. Climate change is an increasingly prevalent issue in society today which is why being climate-friendly will be one of the top priorities. It will be a wide tourist attraction as the city center will have an abundance of fun activities and provide for an active social life, all the while incorporating color and beauty into the scenery. There will be strict laws to enforce the conservation of nature as well, so citizens will have the best of both worlds. Education will be highly valued and account for a good portion of taxes. Transportation will also be accounted for with a new high speed rail system.
Priorities

- Representation
- Quality of Life
- Environmental Sustainability
- Effective Transportation
- Education
General Map of Univercity

*Please note that the ocean continues for the entirety of the top right corner and that the land continues beyond the drawing!"
Energy Production

It is extremely important that Univercity uses renewable energy and does not contribute to polluting the earth.

- Solar panels will be installed on every house, a majority of buildings and on common areas such as malls/chain stores.

- Windmills will be implemented on a certain area away from the city. This will be especially useful for Univercity as it is located near water which contributes to higher wind speeds.

- Another source of energy we will utilize is hydropower, the harvesting of energy from the movement of water which is also convenient seeing as Univercity is right by the ocean!

- Oil drilling and fossil fuels will be banned.
In order to utilize space throughout the city, we will also take use of space underground to transform it into a suitable living space for residents. This will only take place near the ocean where windows can be built on the side of the cliff so people will not feel disconnected from the real world. These underground facilities will include essentials near the apartments such as grocery stores, restaurants, post offices, etc.

This underground housing is also located away from the city as any buildings on top of this could put an excess amount of pressure on the structure underneath. Instead I propose natural vegetation above the surface so residents can always catch a breath of fresh air at any time. There will also be staircases within every 100 ft so residents can leave the area if needed. Ramps will be present alongside staircases to make it wheelchair accessible. (Refer back to general map for visualization)
In cases of emergency, distinct orange ladders will drop down from the surface so it is accessible to all residents from their windows. There will also be lifeboats for those close to water or in any potential danger.

While this may be a costly project, it will also be an enticing tourist attraction which will attract a great number of visitors every year, contributing to the wellbeing of our economy.

Though these residents reside underneath ground, they will not at all be restricted from any ordinary activities. Parking lots will be installed as well as exits that are accessible for cars and trucks. From there, you can drive to a nearby commercial shopping area or go to the city if you please. There are also many other modes of transportation offered such as...
Electric Train

A highly encouraged form of transportation throughout Univercity will be an electric train system, provides efficient travel for people from all areas. Each resident starting the age of 18 will have a transportation card and the fare will be 75 cents. Travel cards can be used for both public buses and the electric train. Children are given a card by their school and are eligible for free travel during school months. During summer they will also have access to a free travel card with parental permission. The trains will be strictly electrical and not cause carbon emissions or release harmful gasses. They will also run underground for residents living in that area. In the diagram, each stop is represented by a red dot and the tracks are represented by black.
Other forms of Transportation

- **Cars**
  Univercity will strongly advocate for the purchase and use of hybrid cars over regular as it is exponentially more beneficial for the environment. However we realize that not everyone can afford them as they are more expensive, so we offer many alternate methods of transportation.

- **Bikes**
  Bicycles will be the most encouraged form of transportation along with electric train in Univercity as it not only reduces carbon emissions but also helps our community with overall fitness and health. There will be a rack of bikes every few streets that are available for rental with no additional cost. To utilize one of these bikes, you will be in charge of providing identification and credit card information to prevent the possibility of theft. There will not be any trackers so as to not violate privacy, but bicycles missing for an extended period of time will have their card charged $5 an hour after 4 hours of rental.
Housing

Housing in Univercity will contain a variety of architectural styles whether in suburban residences or buildings such as colorful Victorian, modern, mediterranean, American craftsman and more. Different architectural styles will expose citizens to designs from all over the world and possible encourage them to broaden their horizons and expand their creativity. Our electoral government will do what is within our power to make homes affordable for people from all classes. Monthly checks will be distributed to households below the poverty line that have children and essential repairs will be free for those in need such as plumbing and electrical services. All houses will have solar panels installed on their roofs for environmental sustainability.
Education will be pivotal in Univercity and students will have the best resources and learning experience that we can provide. Although there may be a distinction of financial classes in specific areas, it will not affect the quality of a child’s education or their opportunity to succeed. Schools across the city will receive the exact same amount of funding whether it be for exterior design or for textbooks. Starting from middle school, students will receive annual visits from a representative of the department of education about any upcoming exams or events that will drastically impact their future. Even if one school’s performance exceeds the performance of another exponentially, no academic resources or funding will be taken away and possibly diminish any student’s chance of success. Clubs and extracurricular activities will be established in every high school and are encouraged for middle school.
Not all students learn in the same way or are passionate about the same subjects. Starting the 8th grade, students will be allowed to choose certain courses they are interested in and will also prepare them for jobs in the real world such as business, architecture, fashion, creative writing, etc. Mental wellbeing for students will also be considered and school schedules will be adjusted so they do not feel overwhelmed or stressed. There will be no homework administered excluding unfinished classwork and projects that require additional time.
A sense of community is crucial to the wellbeing of a city as it makes residents come closer together as well as creating a sense of security and inclusion. University will have several sports teams established depending on the interest of the people, festivals which celebrate diversity and culture and also implement programs such as alcoholics anonymous to bring residents together, whatever their interest or experiences may be. Multiple pesticide free community gardens will also be established which not only give the elderly something to do in their free time but make residents more accustomed to all natural food. There will be statues built in our green areas to commemorate the great accomplishers of our city. This will bring attention to those who have done great things and also create a sense of pride among residents.
A city is no good without their people, and we want to hear your voices to further improve Univercity. At the official Univercity post office downtown, there will be a designated mailbox for proposals or concerns about the city. Whether you are a student that is requesting a day off school for a cultural holiday that was previously unknown or want to request a change in our democratic voting system, we are here to listen.

Citizens over the age of 18 will be able to vote for government representatives and citizens over the age of 28 will be able to run for office. To administer anyone for any position in our city government, they MUST win the popular vote which represents the majority of the people. There will be monthly meetings with 200 randomly selected citizens so government officials will be able to hear the concerns and opinions about the city.
What we consume on a daily basis is fundamental to our health and well-being. University will enlist several policies that ensures the health of our residents such as
- Encouraging the use of water filters
- Creating multiple farmers markets throughout the city
- Only distributing food that does not contain pesticides or harmful chemicals
- Heavily advertise healthy foods and drinks
The city center will be bustling with life and have a wide variety of activities to do. To start, foods and items from many different cultures and backgrounds can be purchased downtown. This diversity will also encourage more acceptance and kindness towards foreigners. There will also be activities that appeal to all ages such as festivals, museums, clubs and arcades. Theatres and musicals will also be endorsed and any other performance facilities.

In addition to all these activities and events, the city is located near the ocean and has a number of resort-like beaches. The largest attraction will be the underground housing built with large chain stores and gift shops. Visitors will be able to experience what it’s like living underground for the first time! This revenue will contribute greatly to the economy and financial stability.
As technology becomes more and more prevalent in modern times, it is important that Univercity offers the latest inventions and that residents can feel connected to the rest of the world. This includes common inventions such as television, mobile phones, computers, etc. Technology will also be promoted through the use of education as each school will offer a number of laptops for research and academic work. Many classrooms will have a projector or smartboard to make learning easier for both students and teachers. Those pursuing a computer science related field will have access to high quality resources and professionals to further progress the innovation of modern technology.
Additional Services/Resources

Senior Centers
Senior centers will have a variety of activities that will keep them entertained and content such as weekly trips, chess, and mahjong. Artistic performers and programs will be encouraged to play at the centers. There will be lively decoration inside and large windows that allow sunlight in.

Bottle Recycling Machines
The installment of bottle recycling machines encourage residents to keep a clean environment and also create income for people who may need it. Many seniors use these machines which also gives them a beneficial way to spend their time and improves physical health.

Bike Lanes
Bike lanes will be created on the side of most streets to encourage environmentally friendly transportation. They will also be built throughout parks and large green spaces so residents can feel accommodated regardless of where they are in the city.
Thank You!