

Written Public Comments
for **Item No. 8**

From: [Benj Azose](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Item 8 Feedback
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:06:23 AM

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I am Benj Azose, one of the 15 commissioners with the District Lines Advisory Committee, and wanted to submit my comments on the process and recommendations for a future iteration. There were some fundamental issues with the process as given to the District Lines Advisory Committee, and this dysfunction played itself out over the course of our meetings together.

Meetings and Information

There were too many meetings before there was data. In the time of COVID (when all of our meetings were virtual), we had 5 meetings collecting community of interest data before the census data was released. I believe we also had 2 meetings for the commission before the data was released.

Recommendation: only have a single meeting of the commission before the data is released, rather than 7. This meeting should also be mainly about setting up the operating rules of the commission.

The delay in actually receiving maps hampered our ability to make decisions collectively as a group. Nearly all of the maps were submitted at the deadline, and most of them were only available in the hours before the meeting.

Recommendation: set a deadline for the final submission of public maps at least a week before the final decision is required, and make it a contractual obligation of the demographics company to upload the maps in a timely manner.

Decision Making

It is a large commission and without a pre-existing relationship, we were not aligned on how to make decisions.

We spent a long time trying to figure out what to send to the Board of Supervisors.

Recommendation: In the future, the Board of Supervisors should be more prescriptive about what we should do. Even things like "decisions should be made by majority rule, all maps are required to be considered, send a long list of acceptable maps, a short list of

preferred maps, and a single favorite map” would have helped clarify things.

Although we were rapid-fire shown ~20 maps in the last meeting, we spent almost all of our time talking about 3, and those were ones that were either drawn by the commissioners or heavily mentioned in public comment or both.

Recommendation: The Board of Supervisors should require an up or down vote on every map shown to the commission. (There were only 20 submitted this year, so it would not be onerous.)

More should be done to even out the airtime of the commissioners. There are a number of commissioners who spoke well more than the average and a couple who I feel like I never heard their voice except for the votes.

Recommendation: The Board should explicitly give the chair a mandate to limit the time of repetitive commissioners.

From: pgredwoods@coastside.net
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 9:54:33 AM

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I urge you to support the Espinoza map for redistricting in San Mateo County. It provides the coastside with a voice in County government. The coastside combined with other unincorporated areas provides the diversity we need for our district.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments,

Pamela Patek

14655 Pescadero Rd.

La Honda, CA 94020

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kathleen Daly](#)
To: [Sukhmani Purewal](#)
Subject: San Mateo Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:19:05 AM

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As a 30+ resident of San Mateo County I believe the only fair and equitable map is the Unity Map. It keeps communities that share the same needs together and recognizes and addresses some of the inequities some communities have faced over the years. The very fact that 12 different groups came together and united in the creation of the Unity Map speaks volumes to addressing our diverse county.

Kathleen Daly
Small business owner
Long time resident of San Mateo County

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Wakerobinranch <lschupity@wakerobinranch.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:33 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Maps

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To All,

I urge you in the strongest terms to adopt the Espinoza map for redistricting! It only divides one city, and keeps the coastside areas together with similar demographics.

Thank you,

Lisa S Chupity

La Honda, CA

Sent from my iPad

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Karl Lusebrink <24karl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:41 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Support for Espinoza redistricting map

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Dear Board of Supervisors

I prefer the Espinoza redistricting map over the Unity map because it represents the integrity and interests in common of San Mateo County Coastside communities. Thanks for your efforts.

Karl Lusebrink
La Honda

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Heather McAvoy <heathermmcavoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: November 9, 2021 Agenda Item 8 Supervisor Redistricting Maps - Recommend Espinoza Map

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Honorable Supervisors:

I recommend adoption of the Espinoza map because it organizes the unincorporated parts of the County into one district. Residents of the unincorporated parts of the County, particularly in the less dense population areas of the Coast, are best represented when organized with other unincorporated areas. Any map that further diminishes the voice of the unincorporated parts of the County will disenfranchise constituents and should not be considered.

Thank you,

Heather McAvoy
La Honda

Sukhmani Purewal

From: patty mayall <pattymayall@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:19 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Redistricting Maps

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Please choose the "Espinosa Map", as it best represents keeping significant communities of interest together.

I trust you have read and heard the many public comments during this process showing that residents of San Mateo need MORE representation in many ways.

Going forward, I hope that you will support the process for adding 2 more supervisors to the Board of Supervisors to fully address all the crucial issues that your tax-paying constituents NEED.

With gratitude,

Patty Mayall

Resident, Unincorporated SMC

La Honda, Ca.

Written Public Comments
for **Item No. 9**

Sukhmani Purewal

From: villoo surty <surty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:07 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Vote YES for off-leash dog trails at Pillar Pt Bluff and Quarry Park on 11/9

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly support off-leash dog trails at both Pillar Pt Bluff and Quarry Park. On November 9th, the Board will be voting on 3 items: (1) to amend the County Ordinance Code to allow off-leash trails in the County, (2) to certify the environmental study the County completed (CEQA), and (3) to accept the Park & Rec Dept's rules for the pilot program. So that San Mateo County finally can catch up to the rest of the Bay Area counties and have their first off-leash dog trails, I urge you to vote YES to amending the County ordinance to allow off-leash dog access and to vote YES to certifying the CEQA. I urge you to vote for the rules and conditions developed by the Dog Work Group, a group comprised of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, and mountain biking representatives as well park rangers, after a 4-year intensive, public process. Thank you.

Dogs have walked off-leash with their owners at both Pillar Pt. Bluff and Quarry Park for over 50 years. Actually, the Ohlone tribe lived on the coastside with their dogs even earlier. Every other Bay Area county has lots of off-leash dog trails in their parks. This is a chance for San Mateo to start catching up with this pilot program, and consider the needs of the over 40% of households that have dogs.

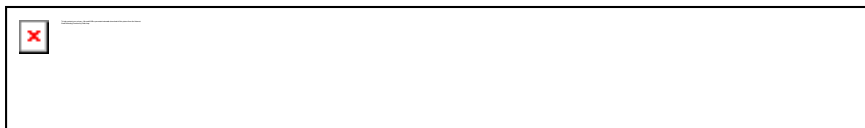
Thanks for doing what's best for the County.

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Betsy Daly-Caffell <bdalycaffell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:46 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Support the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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Hello,

I am a 31 year resident of the Moss Beach and I walk the Pillar Point Blufftops daily and a couple of times a week I walk Quarry Park with my dog.

I am writing to you to voice my support for the of-leash pilot program for these two parks.

Over the last few years I have been a regular attendant to the San Mateo County meetings for the allowing dogs at county parks.

There has been a very long and rigorous review of opening parks up to dog users. There has been enough time to review and discussion to make the decision in favor of the pilot program.

Having access to the beautiful parks has especially been a lifesaver for me during COVID. I have had the wonderful healing experience of walking and meeting with other people and dog lovers. My friends and I are excellent stewards of the land as we pick up the trash and clean the trails of all dog waste that we see. We are also very responsible with our pets and respect all users of the parks by using proper pet protocols.

It is time for San Mateo county to allow the pilot to move forward. Why is this the only county in the surrounding Bay Area not providing legal off leash? So many other cities and counties have off-leash parks.

Before San Mateo county parks division took over these two parks, they were always used for off-leash. For the most part people are very responsible with their pets. The incident with the seal being killed by the shepherd mix dog several years ago, was a tragedy by the result of a selfish dog owner. But I want to make clear, that the attack was not reported truthfully by the owners, as a friend of mine and a park ranger witnessed it. The owners had reported that their dog ran from the top of the Bluffs, this was a lie, as they were all down at the beach before the attack. As tragic as this event was, this was one incident, and should not be the deciding factor to not allow the pilots to move forward. The owner was heavily fined as they should have been Whenever I see a dog in the Marine Fitzgerald reserve area at Ross Cove, I report it to the Rangers.

I am very saddened by the recent days and last minute postings of the Lenny Roberts Greener Foothills and the underhanded fake Harbor District Instagram post to try to sabotage the passing of this pilot. The majority of people that walk especially at the Blufftop are regular walkers and owners of dogs and there have been few problems. Most people are courteous and responsible with their dogs.

Please pass the off leash pilots.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Daly-Caffell
Moss Beach

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Melinda Tevis <melindatevis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:44 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Yes for off leash dogs

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Dogs are a multi billion dollar industry.

Tax revenue for the county are collected from numerous businesses: vet care, pet stores, boarding, grooming, and dog walking and more. They make money for the county.

If they can get their teeth cleaned, why won't you give them the opportunity to exercise so they can stay healthy enough to make you money? Please vote to to let them run.

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Kirk Kloepfer <kirk.kloepfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:41 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Quarry park & pillar point off leash

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I support and want legal off-leash at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.

Thank you very much
Kirk Kloepfer
Montara, Ca
94037

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Kirk Kloepfer
Plumb, Square and Level Construction
Don't worry, be happy.

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sukhmani Purewal
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:26 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: FW: BofS Meeting 11/9/21
Attachments: BoS Meeting 11092021 - Image - Kris Lannin Liang.jpg

FYI

From: Kris Lannin Liang <grlbordr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Sherry Golestan <sgolestan@smcgov.org>
Cc: Sukhmani Purewal <spurewal@smcgov.org>
Subject: BofS Meeting 11/9/21

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Hi Sherry and Sukhmani,

Please find attached the image I would like to have projected during my public comment at Tuesday's BoS meeting - during the discussion related to SMC Parks Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program.

Thanks very much.

My best,
Kris Lannin Liang

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Christine Corwin <christine@greensrc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:21 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Dave Pine
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Pls Vote "Yes" for the Off-Leash Pilots Program on Nov. 9
Attachments: Coastside DOG_Off-Leash Pilots Ltr.pdf

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November 8, 2021

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Justice
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Agenda Item #9: Vote YES for the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Coastside DOG of San Mateo County and as a member of County Parks' Dog Work Group, I am writing to voice my strong support for San Mateo County Parks' proposed 12-month off-leash pilot program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The off-leash pilots plan has undergone a rigorous public and environmental review process, including CEQA review. While it contains the strictest off-leash dog walking policies in California (compromises were made), it is a solid plan that Coastside DOG hopes you support on November 9.

Coastside DOG (www.coast-sidedog.org) is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting responsible dog walking and to advocating for dog-friendly open space on the San Mateo County coast. We deeply appreciate San Mateo County taking up the issue of dog walking access in County Parks and forming its Dog Work Group/Committee, on which I have served since its start in fall 2016.

Currently, San Mateo County lags behind every other San Francisco Bay Area county in terms of dog walking access in its County Parks system. While most county park systems allow dogs on 70-90% of their trails, our county currently provides 8% trails access. In addition, our county is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide sanctioned off-leash dog walking trails for its residents.

Coastside DOG and the more than 40% of San Mateo County residents with dogs (probably closer to 50% now due to Covid adoptions) appreciate the Board of Supervisors' and the County Parks Department's efforts to address this inequity. After years of planning and public meetings, San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to modernize. The reality is that off-leash dog walking is common throughout California and our country (even Central Park in New York City has off-leash hours on its trails). It is also common practice on the San Mateo County Coast. People have walked their dogs off-leash at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff for 50+ years. It is part of the Coastside's culture. Providing some sanctioned off-leash trails and rules is a good thing.

County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilots program is a solid plan that you should feel confident in supporting.

- **The off-leash plan and dog walking rules were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process. Since fall 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings.**
- **The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community group representatives, as well as two Parks Commissioners and three park rangers.** Within parameters provided by County Parks, the Dog Work Group was required to reach consensus on every aspect of its off-leash pilots recommendation from the park sites to the trail plan to the off-leash rules. This required thorough discussion, studying of the issues, and compromise to reach a plan that all members support.
- **County Parks and the Dog Work Group recommended that two sites—Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff—be included in the 12-month pilot program.** These parks were selected based on their long history of off-leash use, overwhelming public support for off-leash trails at these sites, and natural resource considerations (other parks had more sensitive habitat – Quarry Park is a eucalyptus forest and Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm sandwiched between industrial Airport Road and a 150-foot cliff). In addition, having two sites would help avoid overcrowding and ensure that off-leash dog walking recreation would be available to everyone (some people are unable to scale the steep hills at Quarry Park).
- **There is overwhelming public support for off-leash trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.** Members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.
- **The plan has undergone extensive environmental review.** During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program.

*(*Note: The Parks Department made two changes to the Dog Work Group's Off-Leash Pilots Recommendation, which are included in the Department's final recommendation. At Pillar Point Bluff, the Department changed the blufftop trail above Ross Cove beach from off-leash to on-leash, and added a provision mandating that all dog owners participating in off-leash recreation physically restrain their dog when encountering anyone without a dog or a dog on-leash.)*

On a related note, it has come to our attention that some environmental group representatives who sat on the sidelines during the process are now coming forward in the 11th hour with objections. Our question is where were they when the hard work was being done? There was a multi-year formal public process with lots of environmental review.

When voting this Tuesday, we sincerely hope that you trust in this four-year public, multi-stakeholder process and approve County Parks' off-leash pilots recommendation. The Dog Work Group and public participated in this long process in good faith spending hundreds of hours attending meetings, providing input, and doing the hard work to help County Parks come up with the plan before you today.

Thank you for your consideration. Coastside DOG and its members hope to have the opportunity to work with the San Mateo County Parks Department to make the pilot program a success.

Sincerely,

Christine Corwin
President, Coastside DOG of San Mateo County

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lisa Conley <lbconley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:15 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Yes to off leash!

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Please do APPROVE more off leash spaces to take dogs for active walks (and hikes!)

My dog thrives on trails as opposed to in an enclosed dirt area - much like a person would thrive more taking a hike versus just being outside in an enclosed prison yard. The difference is immense.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Lisa C
Belmont CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: America Bliss <blissfork@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:07 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off-leash areas in El Granada

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Hi there.

An off-leash dog is a happier dog. Please vote yes for us folks who live “over the hill” to have dog-friendly places closer than Daly City and Redwood City!

America Bliss
147 Madrona Ave
EG

Sukhmani Purewal

From: David Winikoff <dwinikoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 8:03 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off-leash trail access at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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I'm writing in SUPPORT of allowing off-leash access at Pillar Point and Quarry Park, relative to tomorrow's vote.

Dogs and their owners deserve some opportunities for outdoor recreation. There just isn't enough available off-leash park opportunities in the area. I realize the opposing concern is about making these spaces less pleasant for others. I suggest creating rules/laws to ensure people control their dogs and clean up after them. That's a better solution than a ban.

Please allow off-leash access.

- David Winikoff, Menlo Park resident

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jim Marsh <jmarsh@montara.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 7:34 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: off leash pilot programs - please support

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hello

Coastsidedog encouraged me to contact you:

- I am writing to voice my strong support for San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilots, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.
- Currently, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking, which has been common practice at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop for 50+ years.
- The off-leash pilots' trail plan and rules were developed during a four-year public process. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as park rangers.
- As a result of intensive public input, environmental review, and historic use considerations, County Parks and its Dog Work Group recommended that trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop be included in the off-leash pilot.
- On November 9, I urge you to support San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilots plan. It has undergone a rigorous review process and should move forward.

as a long time Coastsider, i appreciate the efforts by the County for our unincorporated lands - thank you

please establish this program as presented

jim

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Teri Hernandez <terihernandez31@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:05 AM
To: Warren Slocum; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; David Canepa; Carole Groom; CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: ncalderonmminfo@peninsuladogpac.org; info@peninsuladogpac.org
Subject: YES vote needed on Off-Leash Dog Access to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs!!!

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to please vote YES on the proposed changes to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff that would allow off-leash dog use of the parks. The proposed dog access to these park trails are vital for dog owners like me on the Peninsula. I strongly support a YES vote.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Teri Hernandez
San Carlos

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Alvaro Carvajal <alvaroecarvajal@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:18 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please Vote YES for Pilot programs at Pilar Point and Quarry Park

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I support the Board of Supervisors approval of the two pilot programs at Pillar Point and Quarry Park identified by the Dog Working.

These programs were developed after years of discussion by Working Group the Board of Supervisors set up.

The San Mateo County Parks provide very limited access to families with a dog so we need very access to places were dogs are allowed.

Thank you.

Alvaro E Carvajal

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lindsay Zachystal <lindsayverity@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:51 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off leash program

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To whom it may concern,

I implore the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to vote "Yes" on the off leash program to let our dogs enjoy the beautiful outdoor areas.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Zachystal
San Carlos

Sent from my iPad

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Dan Carnese <dcarnese@alum.mit.edu>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:34 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: I support allowing dogs off-leash at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Carnese
560 Lakeview Way
Emerald Hills

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Mike Laine <mmlaine@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:26 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off Leash Dog Parks

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Supervisors,

I am a resident of San Mateo County, and I have a dog, and we love to roam. I'm of the opinion that dogs are overly restricted in our county, and I strongly urge you to vote YES to increase off leash access in our parks. The two parks in question, Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park are wonderful areas to walk our dogs off leash, and I hope to restore them.

Thank you, Mike Laine
mmlaine@earthlink.net
650 346 0468

401 Vine St.
Menlo Park, CA
94025

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Julia Burrows <burrows.julia@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:02 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: off leash access

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Hi, I wanted to let you know that I am a resident of El Granada and I support off leash access for the Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park! I encouraged you to vote for this and support responsible dog owners.

Thank you,
Julia Burrows

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Paige <rachel.winikoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:43 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please ALLOW off leash dog parks

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Please allow off leash dog parks at Pillar Point and Quarry Park.

My labrador retriever relies on off leash time for her health and well-being. We don't have enough places to take her. It is best for them to have a place to go. She has NEVER had a bad experience - these dogs are better behaved off leash and they are happiest living life with the chance to run.

*Thanks,
Paige Winikoff
(415) 819-7409*

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Tom Wadsworth <wadsworth.tom@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:20 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Vote yes for off-leash access

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Hello Board of Supervisors

I live in Half Moon Bay and would very much like to be able to allow my well-behaved dog to walk off leash at Pillar Pt Bluffs and Quarry Park. Please vote for allowing this access.

Thank you

Tom

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Matt Greenberg <matt@HomeCourtRealty.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:15 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Dave Pine; info@smcgov.org
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Agenda Item #9: Vote YES for Off-Leash Dog Trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park
Importance: High

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to **STRONGLY SUPPORT off-leash dog trails at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park.** San Mateo County is the only Bay Area county without any off-leash dog trails in county parks. With over 40% of households having canine family members (and even more acquiring dogs during Covid), I think it's about time. No family goes on a hike leaving family members behind, and that includes their dogs. And it makes no sense to take a hike with the rest of your family, and then come home and walk your dog.

I appreciate that the Board created the Dog Work Group to remedy the lack of dog access at our County parks. The Dog Work Group, comprised of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, and mountain biking representatives as well as park rangers and Park & Recreation staff, held numerous public meetings, received public comments at each meeting, and discussed for over 4 years all the county parks and the unique concerns of each one to determine which parks should be part of their off-leash and on-leash pilot program. The Dog Work Group determined that Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park both should be part of the pilot program. The Park & Recreation Department agreed that both parks worked well for off-leash dogs. In addition, there was a complete environmental/CEQA report completed by the Park & Recreation Department. The process, although longer than desired and often contentious, was a true community/park department collaboration to reach the best solution. The Board should value the work of their Dog Work Group and adopt all their proposals.

Another point to consider that, although this is considered a pilot program, off-leash dogs have been prevalent at both these parks for generations. I was involved in the creation of Quarry Park in the early 90's when I was the legislative aide for former Supervisor Ted Lempert. The park was established as a place where dogs were allowed and allowed off-leash. Since dogs were not permitted in San Mateo County, we consciously did not add Quarry Park as a county park. When the county took over Quarry Park, the park suddenly technically stopped allowing dogs under the county ordinances. But this was unenforced till recently and dog owners continued to walk their dogs at Quarry. It makes sense to legalize what was initially intended (dogs at the park) and has happened since the park was established. Pillar Point Bluff, similarly, historically has had dogs. As everyone on the coastside knows, at least since the 80's when I first walked there, there always have been dogs walking off-leash with their owners.

The Board will be presented two sets of rules and regulations for this off-leash dog pilot program, one developed by the Dog Work Group and another, overly restrictive sets of conditions, written by the Park & Recreation Department on its own and presented first at the SMC Park & Recreation Commission hearing on this pilot program. I strongly support adopting the Dog Work Group set of rules and conditions. The Dog Work Group has

spent hours and hours over many years discussing what made the most sense not only for which parks to choose for the off-leash pilot program but also the rules that should be followed in those parks. The Park & Recreation Commission suggested sending both sets of regulations to the Board to decide, but made it clear that the multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group's long process was more reflective of the communities' wishes.

If you receive some comments from environmental groups opposing Pillar Point Bluff, I want to address their arguments. First, Pillar Point Bluff has allowed dogs off-leash since the Ohlone tribes. This is not new. Second, the CEQA review summarized "that human recreation and dog recreation both impact wildlife, and that while dog recreation has an impact, it is inconclusive that it will have a greater impact at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park than human recreation and that it is not necessarily adverse or permanent." In addition, since dogs have been there regularly off-leash forever (even if technically not permitted in the last decade or so), there should not have been the need for an environmental study. Third, there are an infinite number of coastside trails and spots where visitors can walk and connect with nature, but this will be the only place with level ground where families can walk with their dog off-leash. Quarry Park is too hilly and steep for many older or less physically capable dog owners. Of course, all park users are still very welcome and desired at Pillar Point Bluff, just with some dogs there as well.

Simply put, you created a Dog Work Group to determine which parks should allow dog access and what the rules and conditions should be. I ask you to follow exactly what this multi-stakeholder group proposes.

Thank you for your help in allowing the many households with dogs to enjoy more fully some of our wonderful parks.

Matt Greenberg

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Paul Bocanegra <pd bocanegra05@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:11 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Dog Owner and in Support of Off-Leash Trails

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My wife and I are owners of two German Shepherds. My wife and I often take our dogs to these trails where they can run and stretch while in their natural habitat. It would be devastating to our dogs and community, if these trails were to become restricted. are part of our natural community.

Please support these trails and the community in general. They have been there for so many years and

Thank You.

Paul Bocanegra, Community Member

Sukhmani Purewal

From: S J <suzannejames315@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:04 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: PLEASE

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PLEASE allow off-leash trail access at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.

There are so many options for hikers in the bay area that are off limits to dogs or at best allow dogs but require them to be on leash.

What we need are more areas that allow dogs to run off leash since people who don't have dogs have a plethora of options in the bay area, unlike dog owners who want to be able to hike with their dogs and allow their dogs to run around and expel their excess energy.

I have 2 wonderful vizslas who love to run outside and get exercise. Because I had bilateral knee replacement surgery, walking with my 2 dogs on leash is very bad for my knees and does not give my dogs the exercise they need.

While we have so many options for people who either do not have dogs or do not like dogs, there are VERY FEW options for dog owners to gather to get their dogs out and give them the exercise they need.

Dogs who need exercise, but are unable to get it naturally, and are forced to be tethered to their owners, are not happy dogs and are the dogs who then display unwanted behaviors out of frustration. Issues arise with dogs when they are unable to let off their excess energy. A happy dog is a dog who will not attack other dogs, people, and inanimate objects.

PLEASE allow us to provide areas for our dogs to run off leash in the same way we provide areas for those who do not like dogs to be able to exercise without being bothered by dogs.

Thank you,
Suzanne James
Menlo Park

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Tawnya Elrod <tawnya.elrod@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:01 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: I vote YES to off leash dog access to Pillar Point and Quarry Park please!

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that off leash dog access at Pillar Point and Quarry Park are in jeopardy. As someone who thrives on being outside with nature, running, hiking and enjoying time with my dog this saddens me that these off leash parks are being reconsidered.

We not only need access to these areas to exercise but we need MORE off leash parks. I have been a dog owner for 20+ years and I am seeing off leash access disappear every year. We are not only being more restricted we are being excluded all together. Since the pandemic we have more dog owners then ever and we all need MORE off leash areas to exercise with them freely.

Please stop putting restrictions on the very few places we have left and start giving us MORE off leash areas to enjoy. I vote YES to off leash access at Pillar Point and Quarry Park please!

Tawnya Elrod

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jana Jacobs <jana.jacobs09@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:49 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off leash program at county parks

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Hello,

Please vote yes to allow off-leash access for dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. Available off-leash areas for dogs and their owners are very limited in San Mateo County, and those two areas would be an amazing addition to help dog owners exercise their dogs in a safe and beautiful setting.

Thank you for your consideration!
Jana Jacobs

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Vivien Marsh <viv.marsh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:47 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Warren Slocum; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; David Canepa; Carole Groom
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Support off-leash dog access at Pillar Point and Quarry Park

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Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to support the recommendation from the Dog Work Group for off-leash dog access at Pillar Point and Quarry Park. San Mateo county has a reputation of being non-dog friendly and this vote would help to change that reputation.

Thank you
Vivien Marsh
8th Avenue
Menlo Park

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lisane Drouin <l.drouin@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:45 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please vote yes on the off-leash dog parks project

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To the Honorable San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

My family and I strongly urge you and ask you allow off-leash trail access at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.

Thank you,
Lisane Drouin, Patrick Brennan and Luc
for our dog Felix and our fellow San Mateo country dog friends too
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l.drouin@live.com

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sally Cooper <sacooper@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:16 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off Leash Dog Parks

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Please vote yes in support off leash pilot program.

Thank you

Sally Cooper
650-619-1591

Sukhmani Purewal

From: FERZEEN CHHAPGAR <ferzeenc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:43 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Yes please we need an off leash area

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We trust the board will pass a yes, on this off leash area proposition. It's REALLY SOMETHING WE NEED!!! Our pets/ fur babies need space to run and feel free/ explore just like kids need their playgrounds!
We pay heavy taxes for neighborhood schools all our life without even having children .. but cannot enjoy freedom with our fur babies!!! It's just getting to be too much. Now people complain of dogs even per on their fence??? It's hard to believe this is how petty people have become.
Please give our fur babies a chance to explore their true happiness n run free!!

Thank you

Pet mommy- Zeena

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Polly Shaw <sfwaterbug@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:31 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please vote yes for the Dog Working Group pilot programs!

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With regard to the two pilot programs up for a vote for dogs at the Pillar Point and Quarry Park:

I understand the pilots were developed after years of collaboration between the board of supervisors and the Dog Working Group. Please honor that spirit of collaboration to find the right solutions. Older people and families with toddlers need a place to walk their dog that is flat and accessible, like Pillar Point.

Please support our ability to have some access to parks for dogs and vote yes. Please don't block us out of our parks.

Thank you,
Polly Shaw

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Mark Eller <mark123eller@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:25 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; info
Subject: Please vote yes on the off-leash pilot program

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this as my public comment supporting the pilot program to allow off-leash dog walking at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. These areas were historically off-leash until they became official county parks. At least 40% of households have a dog. Since the Covid pandemic, dog ownership has grown further, yet San Mateo County remains dog owner unfriendly and more restrictive than our neighboring counties. This off-leash pilot program is an excellent way to start addressing the needs of dog owners like me.

The proposed pilot program is a County Parks-led plan created via a 4-year public process that included multiple stakeholders, including dog owners, environmentalists, and Park Rangers. It has undergone a thorough environmental review. It is a solid plan that the Board should feel confident supporting. Programs like this are vital for dog owners.

Please vote yes,

Mark Eller,
Redwood City

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Brenda Kesler <brenda.kesler@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:04 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please support off-leash access!

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Hello Board of Supervisors, I would like to enthusiastically ask you to support off-leash access for dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. Being able to responsibly enjoy the outdoors that we are so fortunate to have in this area with the pets that we have chosen to home and love enriches the lives of the owners and the dogs. It's healthy for everyone. We travel around the state seeking out dog-friendly hotels and parks that are off-leash and I have never seen a problem on those trails. Unfortunately, we have very few off-leash options in this area, so please vote to improve that situation.

Thank you!

Brenda Kesler
Redwood City resident

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Aspo Normantas <anyonefor10s@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:54 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Vote yes for off leash dog areas

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Hello
Please allow us to have off leash walking areas.

See you on the courts, 🏀

Aspo Normantas
Anyonefor10s@gmail.com

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jennell Manion <jennell_m@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:40 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Please allow off leash!

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Please allow off leash dogs at pillar point and quarry parks. My dog loves it. He is well behaved, under voice command and we always clean up after him. Please don't punish the good dogs for the actions of lazy people.

Thank you,
Jennell Manion
Unincorporated Menlo Park resident

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: katarina.koster@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:10 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: Off-Leash Dog Pilots

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Dear SMC Board of Supervisors,

I've been a resident of San Mateo County (SMC) for more than thirty years and whole-heartedly support the off-leash dog pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop in Half Moon Bay.

Dog ownership has been on the rise and grown immensely during the pandemic; many SMC veterinarians don't accept new patients, dog-walkers and boarders are charging premium dollars, and on the whole, the pet industry has become one of the most lucrative online markets in recent years. For SMC, the continuing increase in dog ownership means we need to become more inclusive, embrace the trend, not fight it, because it's not going away—we need more dog parks and off-leash open space allocated to dog owners. If dog owners had more places to take their dogs off-leash, I bet we'd see fewer off-leash dogs on hiking trails with a leash law.

SMC currently has two legal off-leash beaches out of 40+ total beaches, and zero off-leash trails. How is that fair when dog owning households in SMC pay the same taxes as everyone else? Up towards 45% of households in SMC have a dog. SMC dog owners are not looking for a huge slice of the pie—we don't need to be like San Francisco here where every beach and many trails allow off-leash dogs—but dog owners deserve more than exists at present time. Please allow the off-leash dog pilots on the coast to go ahead and move to find additional space on the bay side of the county as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Katarina Koster in Belmont

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Kathryn Farbstein <kfarbstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:00 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Allow Off Leash Dog Walking Areas in SM County

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Greetings! I am writing in support of off-leash dog walking and urge you to support efforts to broaden the areas in the pilot programs at Quarry Park, Pillar Point Blufftop, and in Rancho Corral de Tierra. Dogs are an integral part of many families, and walking them – especially in the beautiful hills that are unique to this area – contributes to better health for both animals and humans (a noble goal). I have noticed an increase in the number of people walking dogs during these tough Covid times.

Families have been walking dogs off-leash in these areas for decades, and the practice should be allowed (and expanded). I regularly walk my dogs in these areas and work with other responsible pet owners to patrol and clean the area. Local residents seem to be overwhelmingly in support of dogs on trails, so I strongly urge you to provide much-needed legal off-leash trails for your constituents. Thank you for taking the time to read my email - Kathryn

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Kathryn Farbstein
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650-784-1813

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Ginny Traub <gtraub19@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:56 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: Off leash dog park support

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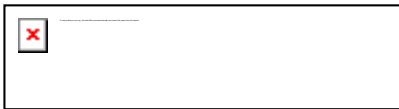
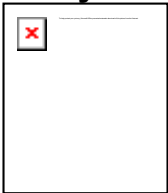
Hello,

I do not own a dog yet I totally support both off-leash parks and the rules and conditions established by the Dog Work Group.

Thanks for your support as well. GT

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Ginny Traub



Sukhmani Purewal

From: Elizabeth Kloepfer <elizabethkloepfer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:50 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: In Support of the Off-Leash Pilots at Quarry Park & Pillar Point Blufftop

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Hello,

I am in complete support of the off-leash dog pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Kloepfer
Montara, CA 94037

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Teri Hernandez <teri.hernandez@cuyana.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:36 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: I support off leash parks

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I support both off-leash parks and following the rules and conditions established by the Dog Work Group

Best,

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Rebecca Hurst <rebeccaleighhurst@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:02 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Warren Slocum; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; David Canepa; Carole Groom
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; info@peninsuladogpac.org; Rebecca Hurst
Subject: Vote Yes on Off-Leash Dog Access to Quarry Park & Pillar Point Bluffs

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Dear Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County:

I am writing to you to publicly state my support for the proposed off-leash pilot programs at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. Please **vote yes** to support the health of both dogs and their owners.

For many people, the time spent walking their dogs is also their time to get exercise. Off-leash parks and trails provide the best opportunity for the 40% of San Mateo County residents with dogs to enjoy nature and get the exercise they need. Dogs need to run, and they thrive on socialization. However, enclosed dog parks are not the answer, as they often get crowded and provide no opportunity for residents to exercise at the same time.

I am lucky enough to be a resident of Redwood City, who lives walking distance from Stulsaft Park, which has had off-leash trails for dogs for years. I have experienced the joy and benefits of walking my dogs there and meeting a wonderful community of responsible dog owners who proactively work to ensure that everyone abides by the park rules so that we can continue enjoying this gem of a wooded city park. I have also seen how the park has become more crowded at “peak hours” because San Mateo County has failed to provide comparable off-leash alternatives for other residents of the county. Certainly other county residents are welcome at Stulsaft, but San Mateo County is unfairly laying the burden of providing off-leash dog trails on the shoulders of Redwood City due the lack of off-leash trails in San Mateo County parks.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document for Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs states, "Overall, results of the review indicate that human recreation and dog recreation both impact wildlife, and that while dog recreation has an impact, it is inconclusive that it will have a greater impact at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park than human recreation and that it is not necessarily adverse or permanent." I believe that the conclusions of this report and the proven success of city parks, such as Stulsaft in Redwood City, make a strong case for the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County to approve the duly appointed Dog Work Group's plan to legally permit off-leash dogs access to both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs.

Once again, I strongly encourage you to vote yes for the health of San Mateo County residents and their dogs—and to fairly balance the responsibility for off-leash trails between the county and the cities within its borders.

Sincerely,
Rebecca

Rebecca Hurst
1173 Junipero Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Amy Shaw <amy@amyeshaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:42 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Warren Slocum; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; David Canepa; Carole Groom; Nicholas Calderon; Peninsula Dog PAC
Subject: Plz Vote Yes on 11/9 for Dog Off-Leash access to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs!!!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you all to please vote yes on the proposed changes to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff that would allow off-leash dog use of the parks. The proposed programs to allow these dog parks are vital for dog owners like me on the Peninsula.

These parks used to be off-leash and that access was taken away for dog owners. Since then, dog ownership on the Peninsula has only grown, yet San Mateo County remains one of the most restrictive counties in the Bay Area to allow dogs on trails, especially for off-leash use.

The County appointed the Dog Work Group to do its job and assess the situation for off-leash dog access in County parks. The Dog Work Group has made these proposals after a lot of thought and research. I attended many of these meetings. I believe we should approve the work they did and move this proposal forward for off-leash access to these parks as soon as possible.

I appreciate your help moving these pilot programs forward and legally permitting off-leash dogs access to both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. I believe very strongly a YES vote is needed at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Shaw
Redwood City

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Scott Amour <scottamour75@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:57 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Support the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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I believe that dog owners understand the liability if they're dog injured a person or another dog. That is why the dogs I see on my many walks are all friendly. My dog has no aggressive tendencies. But if she can't run, it is a waste of time. They have energy that needs to be expended. Please allow us to let them off leash.

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jelena Vukicevic <vjelena@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:49 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off leash trails

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Hi

Please support off leash trails at the next meeting.
Thank you

Respectfully
Jelena Vukicevic

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Amy Tezza <vallemar2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:55 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Don Horsley
Subject: Off leash pilot project

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Dear supervisors,

I am writing in support of the off leash pilot project planned for Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs.

I have lived on the Coastside for almost 25 years and currently walk Pillar Point with my dog every day. My friends and I are active stewards of the park and clean up trash (and any dog poop we see) on an ongoing basis.

As you many know, less than 5% of San Mateo County parks trails allow dogs either on or off leash. For many years, dogs have been walked off leash at both Pillar Point and Quarry Park with very few incidents between dogs and other dogs, other people or wildlife.

Specifically regarding Pillar Point, the current pilot project includes areas where dogs are NOT allowed off leash, like the wet lands that may possibly have endangered species of frogs. Dogs have NEVER been permitted on the beaches below the bluff top nor is there easy access to the beaches from Pillar Point Bluff.

People who bring up the seal pup killed by a dog at Ross Cove are apparently unaware that this dog was taken to the beach by its owners and did not run down to the beach on its own. There are no other instances recorded where a dog attacked any animals on the bluff or below it.

For people who don't like dogs, there are provisions in the pilot stating that dogs need to be on leash in the presence of other on leash dogs and not allowed to run up to others on the bluff. There are also the vast majority of trails in the San Mateo County park system which do not allow dogs at all.

Many people have worked long and hard to come up with a pilot for dogs off leash. Proceeding with this project will prove that off leash dogs can safely coexist with other people other dogs and wildlife as they do in many parks throughout the Bay Area.

Sincerely,
Dr Amy Tezza

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Carol Olson <s.carol.olson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:46 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Vote YES for off-leash dog trails at Pillar Pt Bluff and Quarry Park on 11/9

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly support off-leash dog trails at both Pillar Pt. Bluff and Quarry Park. On November 9th, the Board will be voting on 3 items: (1) to amend the County Ordinance Code to allow off-leash trails in the County, (2) to certify the environmental study the County completed (CEQA), and (3) to accept the Park & Rec Dept's rules for the pilot program. So that San Mateo County finally can catch up to the rest of the Bay Area counties and have their first off-leash dog trails, I urge you to vote YES to amending the County ordinance to allow off-leash dog access and to vote YES to certifying the CEQA. I urge you to vote for the rules and conditions developed by the Dog Work Group, a group comprised of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, and mountain biking representatives as well park rangers, after a 4-year intensive, public process. Thank you.

Dogs have walked off-leash with their owners at both Pillar Pt. Bluff and Quarry Park for over 50 years. Every other Bay Area county has lots of off-leash dog trails in their parks. This is a chance for San Mateo to start catching up with this pilot program, and consider the needs of the over 40% of households that have dogs.

Thanks for your support in doing what's best for the County.

Carol Olson

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Joel Farbstein <jfarbstein@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 7:52 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please expand off-leash dog-walking areas in San Mateo County

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I support off-leash dog walking and urge you to support efforts to broaden the areas in the pilot programs at Quarry Park, Pillar Point Blufftop, and in Rancho Corral de Tierra. Dogs are an integral part of many families, and walking them – especially in the beautiful hills that are unique to this area – contributes to better health for both animals and humans (a noble goal).

Families have been walking dogs off-leash in these areas for decades, and the practice should be allowed (and expanded). I regularly walk my dogs in these areas and work with other responsible pet owners to patrol and clean the area. Local residents seem to be overwhelmingly in support of dogs on trails, so I strongly urge you to provide much-needed legal off-leash trails for your constituents.
Regards, -Joel Farbstein

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sharon Peterson <spcalibre@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon;
CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: off-leash on the coast

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Sharon Peterson. My husband and I have lived on the coast for 48 years, raising our two legged and four legged children with fondest memories. I am writing to ask you to please vote yes for off-leash on the coastside, at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Sharon Peterson

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lisa Nash <lisadnash25@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:02 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Peninsula Dog PAC
Subject: Please vote Tuesday to allow the off-leash dog program at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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In COVID times, it is more important than ever for San Mateo County residents to have ample opportunity to enjoy our beautiful outdoors to reduce stress and improve health. That includes playing with our pets, a major source of love and affection for so many of us. It is not possible to fully enjoy that companionship while your dog is leashed.

That is why I strongly encourage you to vote Monday to allow off-leash dog trails in two San Mateo County parks, Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. By limiting this program to two parks, you can strike a balance between those who want to let their dogs off-leash and those who would prefer they stay on-leash. The Park & Rec Dept.'s rules for the program are sensible and the related CEQA study supports this program.

I also support the rules and conditions developed by the Dog Work Group after a 4-year, intensive public process. This has been true collaboration and its recommendations should be endorsed. Thank you for your attention to this matter. In these difficult times, this is an opportunity for you to bring happiness and joy to so many people and their dogs. I strongly encourage you to make off-leash trails in Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park a reality.

In appreciation,
Lisa Diaz Nash
San Mateo dog lover

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Lisa Diaz Nash

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Peter Griffin <griffin@stanford.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 8:19 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: BOS - please vote YES for Dog Group Pilot programs

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

5 years ago you realized there was a problem with how San Mateo County Parks ran the parks for people who wanted dog access, which was negligible or nonexistent. You set up the Dog Group to investigate the issue and make recommendations for 2 pilot programs. I attended most of the meetings and strongly supported that group's efforts.

Now there are proposals for a hilly hike in Quarry Park and a more accessible walk along the bluffs at Pillar Point for families who want to take an off-leash hike with their dogs.

I believe there are the votes in the community to advocate for greater access (both on-leash and off-leash) to SMC parks for families with a dog. At least 40% of homes now have a dog and maybe more after the pandemic loneliness. It is time for fair access.

I hope there are the votes in the BOS chamber to get the pilot programs developed by the Dog Work Group passed. I strongly support a YES vote.

Best, Peter Griffin
North Fair Oaks
Menlo Park

Sukhmani Purewal

From: frengiz surty <surtyf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:24 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Vote YES for off-leash dog trails at Pillar Pt Bluff and Quarry Park on 11/9

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly support off-leash dog trails at both Pillar Pt Bluff and Quarry Park. On November 9th, the Board will be voting on 3 items: (1) to amend the County Ordinance Code to allow off-leash trails in the County, (2) to certify the environmental study the County completed (CEQA), and (3) to accept the Park & Rec Dept's rules for the pilot program. So that San Mateo County finally can catch up to the rest of the Bay Area counties and have their first off-leash dog trails, I urge you to vote YES to amending the County ordinance to allow off-leash dog access and to vote YES to certifying the CEQA. I urge you to vote for the rules and conditions developed by the Dog Work Group, a group comprised of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, and mountain biking representatives as well park rangers, after a 4-year intensive, public process.

Dogs have walked off-leash with their owners at both Pillar Pt. Bluff and Quarry Park for over 50 years. Actually, the Ohlone tribe lived on the coastside with their dogs even earlier. Every other Bay Area county has lots of off-leash dog trails in their parks. This is a chance for San Mateo to start catching up with this pilot program, and consider the needs of the over 40% of households that have dogs.

Thanks on behalf of me and my dog Parker and all our friends,

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: janet dudley <jedudley@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:47 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Warren Slocum; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; David Canepa; Carole Groom
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; info@peninsuladogpac.org
Subject: Yes Vote - Off-Leash Dog Access to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs

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Dear Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County:

I am writing to you with my public comment to the proposed off-leash pilot programs at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. I support returning off-leash dogs legally to both parks as soon as possible.

Both of these parks allowed dogs without restrictions before the lands were folded into the San Mateo County Parks system. Allowing dogs to exercise off-leash, to run fast or to smell the bushes at a leisurely pace is necessary for a healthy, happy dog. Seeing my dog running and smiling with joy off-leash happens to be great for my soul too. In my opinion there was never a problem with dogs in these areas. And there won't be a problem when dogs are legally permitted off-leash access again. The Dog Work Group, consisting of several environmentalists, equestrians, mountain bikers, one dog advocate and many SMC Park Rangers spent over 6 years analyzing and selecting the designated off-leash pilot sites and drafting recommendations for regulating a re-introduction of off-leash dog access to Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. As this committee was appointed by you, the Board of Supervisors, I believe it is absolutely appropriate to approve their recommendation to proceed with off-leash dog access to just 2 of the 24 (or so) County Parks in San Mateo County.

I think the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document contains some good information. It acknowledges the prior use by dogs and their owners of these two parks and it essentially says that dogs have no more negative impacts on the parks than humans do (Summary, Pg. 16).

We all want well-behaved canine companions in our lives. A tired dog is a good dog. A tired dog gets that way by running and playing freely. The more physical and mental activity a dog gets, the better his health and behavior without question. There are not enough places in San Mateo County for active dogs and their people. To quote from The California Dog Lover's Companion 3rd Ed. (1998):

"...three words stopped us in our tracks. They were big, bold, and mean: NO DOGS ALLOWED...Thus was our unsavory introduction to San Mateo County...

"The worst offender is the county Department of Parks and Recreation. There are 15,000 acres of county parklands here, but none of the county's 70,000 licensed dogs may set paw in them." (page 403)

During Covid, the dog population of San Mateo County and across California boomed. Shelters were emptied. Those dogs and their people now all need a place to go to get exercise and enjoy the out-of-doors. There aren't enough places to go! Chain link fenced dog "parks" are not the solution. They become over-crowded fast.

Costa County Parks takes an entirely different view of dogs than San Mateo County, allowing dogs in all parks except a few where environmental or other concerns dictate otherwise. To quote from the book again, "From the renowned off-leash dog haven of Point Isabel Regional Shoreline to the leash-free inland nirvanas such as the Morgan Territory, this county [*Contra Costa*] enables every dog to have her day, day after day." That is a much more successful approach for both humans and canines. Likewise, I find Monterey County, Sonoma County and San Francisco County much friendlier to dogs than San Mateo County. The village of Carmel has banked on dog access in its successful and lucrative bid to gain the dog owner's tourism dollars. People with dogs flock to Carmel for a chance to walk their canine companions on Carmel's renowned white sands namesake beach or in Garland Park to name two of the many dog-friendly parks and beaches in Monterey County.

I fervently encourage you, the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, to approve your own duly appointed Dog Work Group's plan to legally permit off-leash dogs access to both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document reads "Overall, results of the review indicate that human recreation and dog recreation both impact wildlife, and that while dog recreation has an impact, it is inconclusive that it will have a greater impact at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park than human recreation and that it is not necessarily adverse or permanent." I hope the process of restoring legal off-leash dog access may continue in San Mateo County with all due haste!

Thank you,

Janet Dudley

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Menlo Park, CA

Founding Member of the Peninsula Dog PAC

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ReplyForward

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Felicia Eth <feliciaeth.literary@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:10 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off leash Dog walking area

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I am writing to encourage you to vote to make Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff both off-leash dog walking areas.

As someone who was a Burlingame resident for 30 years I appreciate the natural beauty that is in San Mateo County.. As the owner of a dog for these past 12 years I know how critical it is for dogs to be able to get off leash and run, and recognize that these walks are vital to both the dogs and their humans' bonding and well-being. If nothing else this last year and a half has taught us how key being in nature is to all beings.

Please vote in favor of this measure. Thank you.

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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lucy Rasmussen <lucymac@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 2:31 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Quarry Park and Jean Lauer Trail

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I strongly support the sanctioning of the above locations for off-leash dogs. There are so few places in San Mateo county where our beloved pets can run free for exercise. Dog parks, while OK, do not provide the same experience as a peaceful, off-leash hike with your well-trained and responsive pup in beautiful areas. I hope that you can see a way forward to support this proposal. It would be so meaningful for responsible pet owners in San Mateo County. I love to “go over the hill to Half Moon Bay” with my well-trained poodle. Being legally free to walk off-leash would add enormously to the enjoyment of our hikes. Thank you for your attention to my communication,

Lucy Rasmussen
Redwood City, CA 94062-2137

Lucy Rasmussen
lucymac@me.com

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Duke DeLoache <duke.deloache@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:03 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Requesting Your Support of the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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Dear Members of the Board,

First, thank you for your service and commitment to supporting our community.

I am writing with the wish to express my strong support for SMC Park's off-leash pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point.

This would be a huge benefit to me and my family, and to my many dog-loving neighbors!

These parks are a refuge for us, and so far I've only had positive experiences with the dogs and families at both locations. San Mateo County is the only Bay Area county that doesn't allow for legal off-leash dog walking trails. My neighbors and I are very much hoping for this to change!

On November 9th, I hope you will vote in support of the San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot plan! It would be a great gift to our community.

Thank you,
Duke



...and Sunny agrees!

Sukhmani Purewal

From: nic and john skerry <gooddoggies.skerry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:45 PM
To: Dave Pine; cbloom@smcgov.org; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off-leash vote for El Granada Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff

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Dear San Mateo Board of Supervisors,

My name is Nicole Skerry and I am writing to urge the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and County Parks to designate the two newly acquired spaces at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff as off leash dogs areas. My family and I have lived in El Granada for 23 years, and we have been fortunate to share our home with dogs the entire time we have lived on the coast. We have been walking our dogs **off-leash** at Quarry Park in El Granada, and Pillar Point Bluff in Moss Beach without much drama or issues for decades. Along with many of our dog owning friends, we take it upon ourselves to preserve these special areas (as well as our beaches) by picking up trash and poop along the trails on all of our walks. These beautiful spaces are treasured by the entire community - including dog owners.

More than half of all households in San Mateo county have dogs as a part of their families. However, San Mateo County is the only county in the bay area that has NO sanctioned off-leash county parks for dogs and their owners to frequent! Dog owners, animal behaviorists, veterinarians, and anyone who has worked with or studied dogs all agree that dogs need to run, play and socialize in order to be physically and mentally well adjusted. Many health studies have shown that people who walk and exercise with their dogs are generally happier and healthier and live longer. However, for many dogs and owners, these benefits just can't be found on the end of a 6' leash!

In his book "The Well-Adjusted Dog" renowned animal behaviorist Dr. Nicholas H. Dodman explains that "dogs really need an opportunity to run free". He adds "To exercise your dog is to address one of his most fundamental needs and is an undertaking that should be viewed as mandatory. If exercising involves the company of other dogs and people, so much the better." "The importance of accommodating a dog's need for exercise cannot be overstated. Exercise is a key part of a balanced approach to managing canine behavior and ensuring a dog's well-being."

We are not asking for something outrageous or out of the ordinary here; therefore, On behalf of our family- my husband John and our furry babies Vida, Mae, and Brillo, and the many other dog owning families in San Mateo county, I am urging you, our San Mateo board of supervisors, to do the right thing for your community and taxing paying residents who happen to love their dogs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicole Skerry

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Colleen Crangle <crangle@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:33 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Dave Pine; Nicholas Calderon; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; info@peninsuladogpac.org
Subject: Off-leash dog trails - VOTE YES

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors :

I'm writing to express my wholehearted support for off-leash dog trails in two San Mateo County parks, Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. So many people can enjoy the parks only if they can bring their dogs with them. These animals are members of our families. Please vote yes on all three points: (1) amend the County Ordinance Code to allow off-leash trails in the County, (2) certify the environmental study the County completed (CEQA), and (3) accept the Park & Rec Dept's rules for the pilot program.

Thank you,

Colleen

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Colleen E Crangle, PhD

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CC: Supervisors at boardfeedback@smcgov.org,
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Supervisors (dpine@smcgov.org, cgroom@smcgov.org, dhorsley@smcgov.org,
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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Stephy Foster <wildhors2020@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:52 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Folks and their dogs

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Dear People,
Folks love their dogs and those dogs are a great source of recreation and exercise for their dog owners. Please be considerate and approve the off leash dog walking for the two area's of the San Mateo Coast.
We would all really appreciate it!
Thanks very much!
Stephanie Foster
Stephen Pfeiffer

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lynn Cox <lbc978@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:36 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Make Off-leash Programs at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs Permanent

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Dear Supervisors:

As a teacher, I will be unable to attend the 9 am meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, to voice my support of these off-leash dog areas in my neighborhood. However, as a Half Moon Bay homeowner and dog owner, who frequents and is an ambassador of these areas, I am writing to urge you to support these much-needed legal off-leash trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.

Currently, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. The County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking, which has been common practice at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop for over 50 years.

The off-leash pilot trail plans and rules were developed over a four-year public process. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, community representatives, and park rangers. It has included intensive public input, environmental review, and historic use considerations. The pilots have undergone a rigorous review process and should move forward.

On November 9, I urge you to support San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot plan and make them permanent.

Sincerely,
Lynn B. Cox
649 Columbus Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
650-291-8855

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Cary Hampton <carybhampton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:29 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; info@peninsuladogpac.org
Subject: In Support of the Off-leash Pilot Program

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Hello,

I am writing to let you know I strongly support the off-leash pilot program. It is very important to me and my family that this happens!!

Thank you,

Cary Hampton

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jerry B <jbbrick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:27 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Re Off Leash access

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Dear Supervisors, I want to express my support for the pilot program at Pillar Point and Quarry Park for off leash dog access. It's been many, many years since there was any dog access at all in County parks. The rules and conditions developed by the Dog Work Group are welcome news and I look forward to the amending of the Ordinance Code and certification of the environmental study to allow dog access at these parks.

Thank you in advance,
Jerry Brick, Redwood City

Sukhmani Purewal

From: larry.cable@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:49 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: Writing in support of the pilot program for off-leash access at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park

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Supervisors,

As a resident and (responsible) dog owner resident in San Mateo I am writing to you to ask for your support in the forthcoming vote regarding the pilot off-leash programs at Pillar Point and Quarry Park.

There is precious little available parks and recreational areas on the peninsula where dog owners may walk their dogs, either on or off leash, where both owners and dogs can exercise and an enjoy the environment together in a responsible fashion, shared **equitably** with other residents/users.

Adding these off leash areas will greatly benefit the numerous residents and dog owners within the county with little or no practical impact to the other non dog owning park users.

I strongly encourage you to vote in the affirmative for the following:

- (1) to amend the County Ordinance Code to allow off-leash trails in the County
- (2) to certify the environmental study the County completed (CEQA), and
- (3) to accept the Park & Rec Dept's rules for the pilot off leash program

This is an important issue to myself, and to other county resident dog owners who are usually penalized at the expense of other interests in regard to our unfettered access to our common recreational areas.

I appreciate your attention in this matter

Regards

Laurence Cable
3569 Altamont Way
Redwood City Ca 94062.

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Lori Rhodes <lorhodes@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:37 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please vote to allow Off-Leash Dog Trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop

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Hi,

I'm a 30 year resident on the San Mateo Coastsides. I have had dogs that entire time, and walk my dogs daily on the coast.

I am a responsible dog owner. All of my dogs have extensive training and respond to voice commands. I remove dog waste (mine and others) while walking on the trails. In my 30 years of walking dogs on the coast, I have had very few negative experiences.

Usually, dogs off-leash get along much better than dogs on-leash. They don't feel as defensive or trapped as they do on leash. It also gives them the opportunity to get exercise and provide a nicer experience for the dog walker.

The San Mateo Coast has a history of being a fabulous outdoor recreation area, and has lots of dog lovers.

Please vote to allow Off-Leash Dog Trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.

Lori Rhodes Morris
650-678-0242

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Frances Collins <frances.collins@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:04 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off-leash pilot

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Hello,

I want to express my support for the trial off-leash coastal areas. It's time we had somewhere our well behaved four legged friends can get to run!

Thanks,

Frances Collins

Half Moon Bay

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Theresa Valentic <tstern7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:56 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Support the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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I am in support of off leash dog walking at Quarry Park and the Bluffs Trail on the San Mateo coast. There are no off leash areas for dogs in our county like they have in other Bay area counties. We are simply asking for this allowance in two parks. We used to walk our dog on bluffs trail off leash all of the time. He is a Labrador retriever so he loves to run after the tennis ball. He would run after it and come right back to us. When we didn't bring the ball, he would walk right by our side and never once wandered away. He can no longer walk as he is fourteen now but we can honestly say he's had a wonderful life in part because of our use of the bluffs trail. We plan on getting a puppy soon and would love to have the same access to off leash walking that we have enjoyed in the past.

Thank you kindly,
Theresa Valentic
Moss Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Alicia Palomino Mosquera <aliciapalominomosquera@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:04 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; David Canepa; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Nicholas Calderon; Warren Slocum
Subject: Off-leash trails in San Mateo: YES!

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Hello,

I am Alicia Palomino and I am a dog owner. I am writing you to let you know that I **strongly support the off-leash pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.**

Thank you,
Alicia

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jennifer Kalt <jenkalt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:26 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: Support for legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop County Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop County Parks. San Mateo County has so few places for dogs to legally be off-leash - despite so many responsible dog owners who have advocated for years for at least a few spots where dogs can stretch their legs and get real exercise.

I hope you will support making it legal to let well-behaved dogs run free at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop County Parks.

Thank you, Jennifer Kalt

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Kevin J Ashley <KevinJAshley@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:11 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off-Leash Access at County Parks

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This message is in support of the vote to allow off-leash trail access for dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.

Kevin J. Ashley
2673 Carolina Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061

Sukhmani Purewal

From: mia lomas <mialomas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:21 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Nicholas Calderon; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Subject: Support For Off-leash parks

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Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of both off-leash parks and following the rules and conditions established by the Dog Work Group.

There are limited dog parks and trails in San Mateo County, we must be proactive in expanding access for dogs. They should have safe spaces where they can exercise and feel free. I believe piloting this program will be a big step towards the right direction.

Many dog owners and pups will be appreciative of this initiative if passed.

Thank you,

Mia Lomas
650-556-4146

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Scott Ross <scott.ross@rimonlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:17 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Pls vote to support offleash access at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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I've found that dog owners who use the available offleash areas are responsible and considerate, and bring well behaved dogs. People who don't have well behaved dogs stay away because they know it doesn't work well to bring their dogs.

Thank you,
Scott Ross (Redwood City resident)

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From: [Sean Handel](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Dave Pine](#); [Carole Groom](#); [Don Horsley](#); [Warren Slocum](#); [David Canepa](#); [Nicholas Calderon](#)
Subject: Off leash dogs comment
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:45:47 AM

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I am writing to voice my strong *opposition* to the off-leash dog pilots for Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs.

I recognize that some dog owners would like to run their dogs off leash, but I have personally experienced that the majority of dog owners do not have their dogs under leash or voice control today, and this will only make it worse and more dangerous.

I would recommend that an alternative plan could involve creating a fenced-in dog park somewhere in the midcoast near Montara/Moss Beach. The one at Smith Field in Half moon Bay is good but is not close enough for people who live further north.

Thank you.
Sean Handel
Half Moon Bay resident (former Moss Beach resident)

Sukhmani Purewal

From: WILLIAM HARPER <ws.harper@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:59 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Cc: WILLIAM HARPER
Subject: Support for Off-leash Trails

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I have lived on the Coastsides for 28 years, and I am writing this letter in support of off-leash pilot for trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

Currently, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. County Parks' off-leash pilot program will give us a chance to meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking. I have walked my dogs off-leash for the 28 years I have lived and never had an issue or problem.

The coast is a dog friendly community, with many of us attending local dog groups, regularly walking our dogs off-leash, and using our open space to hike and enjoy the Coastsides with our best friends, our dogs.

I urge all of you to support and approve this off-leash pilot program.

Thanks,

William Harper
Montara, CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Cynthia Cook <cscocok1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:51 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off-leash pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop

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I am a veterinarian and have been a resident of El Granada for 34 years. I regularly walk my dogs at Quarry Park and Pillar Point bluffs. Both of these areas have historically (for decades) had off leash dog access without significant adverse effects. Quarry Park was previously used for cattle grazing and as a mining quarry. This site is far from ecologically pristine; it is an ideal location to place an emphasis on recreation. While protection of the environment and wildlife is an appropriate objective for the County Parks system, with that as the overriding goal, there would be no public access at all - with or without dogs. There is no doubt that unrestricted public access has negative impact on wildlife, soil erosion, and plants. However, the goal of the County Parks is to create that ideal balance between providing public access and environmental protection. Dog owners have been regularly short-changed as a stakeholder in this process. Discussion of off-leash dog access at these two locations has been ongoing for several years with many hours of effort on the part of the Dog Work Group and County Park officials. There have been many meetings open to the public and many opportunities for public comment. There will never be universal agreement on this subject. It is time for the dog owners to be acknowledged as citizens of San Mateo County and for their needs to be met in a controlled way that does not negatively impact other stakeholders, including the environment. This goal is both necessary and achievable.

I am writing now to voice my strong support for San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilots, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Currently, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking, which has been common practice at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop for 50+ years. The off-leash pilots' trail plan and rules were developed during a four-year public process. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as park rangers. As a result of intensive public input, environmental review, and historic use considerations, County Parks and its Dog Work Group recommended that trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop be included in the off-leash pilot.

On November 9, I urge you to support San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilots plan. It has undergone a rigorous review process, including CEQA review, and should move forward.

Regards,

Cynthia Cook, DVM, PhD

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Birgitta Bower <bowerbirgitta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 11:51 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Support the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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Hi,

After all these years of meetings & zooms & studies and emails that have proceeded, you are voting tomorrow on whether to allow a pilot study to get your go ahead or not.

There are a lot of dog owners who have invested a lot of time and effort to get to this milestone of allowing a pilot, so essentially just a trial and gathering data, so I don't see why it would be a problem in letting the pilot move forward, I hope you don't either.

Dogs have been off leash here on the Coast forever, without major problems. Off leash hiking is necessary for training and bonding with your dog. A dog gets exercise running, not walking. And dogs need to be able to meet and greet other dogs freely in order to develop into harmonious animals. They need the freedom of being off leash, and cramped small dog parks don't work. To have areas where you can indeed do a hike like Fort Funston, Point Isabel and now, hopefully, Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry park are invaluable for dog recreation.

Sincerely,

Birgitta Bower with Java 17-month old mutt in El Granada