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Sukhmani Purewal

From: Ron Snow <ronsnow@univpark.org>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:51 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Ron Snow; contact@floodpark.org; Dave Pine; David Canepa; Michael Callagy; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Urgent Action needed - Opportunity for Flood Park to meet the needs of the community, now and future

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Dear County Supervisors,

We have a fast growing petition asking you to take action to secure this opportunity for our community today and for the future, when there will be even more population and kids needing green space and sports fields.

A growing number of county residents are asking you to take action to take advantage of the Ravenswood School District desire to lease the Flood School. This is the 2.5 acre cleared lot adjacent to Flood Park's sports fields. Just a chainlink fence separates the two and they share the same parking lot. (see FloodPark.org/school)

The local communities have started a grass roots effort to **have County obtain park usage rights to this old school property**. How that is done can be decided later and could be a creative joint effort between County and the School District, private funding sources, corporate sponsorships, and public input. The key is that we could add a full size soccer/lacrosse field and several basketball or other amenities in this 2.5 acres. Just as importantly is that Park's plan to cutdown the majority of trees in the historic Heritage Grove can be avoided and thus save County millions of dollars.

Please help take positive and effective action to explore this opportunity for the surrounding communities. **Thousands of county citizens** have signed the petition to protect the woodland and fulfill the promise made by Parks Dept from 2015 through August 2020 that the woodland would be preserved and trees would be protected. That was the understanding of the public from Parks presentations and outreach. That promise was broken by the drastic change in plan that was submitted just weeks before Supervisors voted for the plan — there was no public knowledge or outreach regarding that major change to the Re-imagine plan.

This opportunity to extend Flood Park is a **win-win-win opportunity that County can deliver**: Better for Ravenswood School district students and finances - Better for local community youth sports and after school activities - Better for families, educators, and others that enjoy and learn from the nature of the historic Flood Park woodland. And, better for the future needs of all.

Below are a few comments from those signing the petition that requests your and County's support to make this opportunity a reality:

I go to this park regularly, and often bring guests there. It leaves a good impression of this area, and the respect people have for nature. Please preserve the trees, and consider adding the empty lot to your plan. In this time of climate change, it seems absurd to unnecessarily cut down perfectly healthy trees. Please show true leadership and save the trees. by M.N.

My family and my school have enjoyed this park's natural beauty and heritage oaks for many years. We also enjoy playing soccer and understand the usefulness of another field. This seems like a perfect way to accommodate both needs without destroying the natural heritage of Menlo Park... by T.O.

We need to protect and save natural spaces for our well being, and for our children to experience nature while growing up. by C.P.

We have lived here for 40 yes. This is a good plan and will bring in revenue. The Park is heavily used on weekends and would be used more on weekdays. We must preserve the trees we have, now, not to start catch up growth during our fight for Climate Change. We need to be wiser, faster. by J.S.

Soccer fields are essential to our youth and trees are essential to our survival on this planet. They give us oxygen! by T.M.

I'm signing this petition because it makes sense to acquire Flood school to extend field area & not to remove any oaks to make field space. Planning should get creative to accomplish this & save our trees! thank you, Jeannie by J.B.

This is a win-win-win, for those who want more recreational activities, for those who don't want to remove healthy Heritage and old-growth trees and family picnic areas to make room for playing fields, and for San Mateo County which can meet its obligation to create more green space for a healthier environment.
by J.H.

Because I want to save the trees in Flood Park while taking this opportunity to enlarge the park to increase recreational use without destroying the natural beauty and old trees on the Bay Rd. side of the park. by N.B.

Our community needs green space and park land to balance the growing population. This petition adds much needed park land and saves and preserves the park's historic woodland much of which is set to be cutdown unless action is taken. by R.S.

Using the vacant Flood School site for new playing fields is a great idea. It serves our youth and preserves historic woodland. This is clearly a win/win proposal! by I.R.

I am signing this petition because I grew up in the SF Bay Area. These natural reserve areas are important for the health well being of all, not just soccer and lacrosse players. There is also an entire ecosystem of flora and fauna which can never be replaced. When you suburbanite & turf it you lose it. Preserve nature = preserve Mankind. by L.C.

From: [Nancy Baugh](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Flood Park Reimagine - this is not on the agenda for the 11/9 meeting
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:48:51 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I have lived in Menlo Park for 33 years, 26 of which have been in Lorelei Manor. I would like to request that you urgently visit the possibility of leasing or purchasing the old Flood Park school site to add to Flood Park. It would provide a perfect location for an additional soccer or other playing field. By doing that, the plan to place a soccer field in the middle of the Flood Park oak woodland could be abandoned avoiding the destruction of beautiful old oak and other trees and maintaining this area for picnics, birding, playing and relaxation. The matter is urgent as the Ravenswood School district is planning to select a plan for the area by the end of the month, so time is of the essence. It is possible that the cost would be astronomical but perhaps with some ingenuity and work, sponsors, local businesses, grants, or other financial resources could be tapped to help this important endeavor. The value of the oak woodland cannot be overlooked. While I am excited that Flood Park is being improved, after so many years of neglect and closure, the very character of the park will be irreparably damaged by the current plan. Please, quickly, look into the old Flood Park school site as a great option for improvement!

Sincerely,
Nancy Baugh
903 Christopher Way

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

From: [Petra Silton Thrive Alliance](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [Yajaira Ortega](#); [Georgia Antonopoulos](#)
Subject: For Supervisors for BOS meeting 11/9
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:15:59 PM
Attachments: [thrive2.png](#)

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PLEASE NOTE THIS IS UPDATED AS OF NOV 8 WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COALITION MEMBERS

November 8, 2021

Re: Unity Map Coalition Proposed San Mateo County District Lines Map

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We write to present our Unity Map Coalition's proposed San Mateo County supervisorial district map, [linked here](#). We thank you for the time, effort, and thoughtfulness that you bring to this process and for your commitment to hearing community voices and creating fair maps.

The Unity Map Coalition is made up of Nuestra Casa, One East Palo Alto (OEPA), Climate Resilient Communities, Community Equity Collaborative, Belle Haven Action, Rise SSF, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC), Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center (PBRC), Puente de la Costa Sur, SF Peninsula People Power, plus individuals from Peninsula for Everyone, Daly City Partnership, and Casa Circulo Cultural. Together, we represent a diverse range of geographic areas and communities across the county. As a coalition rooted in the pursuit of equity, our aim is to uplift the needs of marginalized communities across San Mateo County in the County's redistricting process. We have connected with over 13 different community based organizations, as well as individual community leaders, to discuss our communities of interest and create a single map that respects our communities, as well as other priorities that members of the public have submitted to the Advisory Commission.

We created the map by meeting as a coalition and discussing numerous map permutations. We received technical assistance and mapping assistance from Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus.

The Unity Map both complies with the FAIR MAPS Act redistricting criteria and ensures fair representation, so that we can all continue to build a more equitable San Mateo County. The proposed districts are substantially equal in population and comply with the mandates of the United States Constitution as well as the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. The map also maintains neighborhoods and communities of interest, which is one of the top-ranked criteria for map-drawing. The map reflects the many diverse communities of San Mateo County, including communities made up of immigrants, farm-workers, low-income people, people struggling with home affordability and displacement, and people facing environmental risks. We also strove to maintain cities and census designated places, to follow natural and artificial boundaries, and to create compact districts. In some instances, cities were split to achieve the higher-ranked goal of keeping communities of interest whole; however, we strove to limit city

splits.

We firmly believe respecting communities of interest is essential in this process. Below is a summary of how our Unity Map keeps communities of interest whole and together, while also respecting other redistricting criteria.

District 1

- Keeps together much of the Bay Shore coastline, including South San Francisco, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Mateo, and Foster City.
 - Communities that live in these areas, especially those east of the railroad tracks, have shared interests related to their proximity to the Bay coastline, including concerns about sea level rise and flooding. As these environmental issues are addressed on the county level, it is particularly important to have Supervisorial representation for Bay Shore coast communities.
 - Many people in these areas have shared socioeconomic concerns as well. For example, these areas have many renters and people who are particularly housing-cost burdened. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Bay Shore coastline struggles with the highest poverty rates in San Mateo County. Various neighborhoods along Highway 101 report poverty rates above 30%. In large parts of Redwood City, East Palo Alto, South San Francisco, and even San Mateo, nearly 50% of residents are housing-cost burdened.
 - There are also many immigrants and people of color in the neighborhoods east of El Camino Real and along Highway 101. The Bay Shore coastline is home to a very large share of limited English proficient households and foreign-born residents. According to recent Census data, foreign-born residents make up over 40% of the population in the Bay-adjacent neighborhoods of South San Francisco, Burlingame, San Mateo, Foster City, and East Palo Alto.
- Keeps together most of the city of South San Francisco, with the exception of two neighborhoods with large Filipino American communities (Buri Buri and Westborough) that have been placed in District 5 due to a shared Filipino American community of interest.
- Respects the integrity of communities impacted by flights entering and exiting San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Communities of interest near the airport have similar interests being impacted by sound pollution.

District 2

- Keeps the western parts of Burlingame, San Mateo, and other communities located in the hills together. People living in these areas have a strong interest in preserving neighborhood character, as well as fire prevention due to their location in the hills and proximity to open space.
- Keeps together a cluster of unincorporated areas that are adjacent to each other, including Burlingame Hills, Devonshire, Highlands/Baywood Park, Palomar Park.
- The City of Belmont is kept whole.

District 3

Respects the coastal community of interest by keeping most of the coastline together in one district, including Pacifica. Coastal communities have identified shared interests such as resources and infrastructure for rural communities, services for farmworkers and for immigrants, and access to healthcare and childcare.

- Keeps most of San Mateo's unincorporated communities together, including El Granada, Emerald Lake Hills, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Los Trancos Woods/Vista Verde, Menlo Oaks, Montara, Moss Beach, Pescadero, Princeton, San Gregorio, South Coast/Skyline, Sequoia Tract, Skyllonda, and Stanford Lands.
- Pacifica and San Bruno are kept whole and in the same district. They have a strong bond as cities since the devastating gas explosion.

District 4

- Keeps together communities of interest in Belle Haven, North Fair Oaks, East Palo Alto and parts of Redwood City.
 - These neighborhoods are home to both Latino and Pacific Islander communities of interest.
 - Communities in these neighborhoods have many shared socio-economic characteristics and have shared interests around fighting gentrification and displacement, access to social services, and investment in public education.
 - Additionally, many residents are foreign-born and have limited English proficiency.
- Keeps communities along the Bay Shore coastline together due to shared concerns about sea level rise.
- Menlo Park is kept whole.

District 5

- This is a strong Asian American majority district.
- There is a Filipino American community of interest that spans Daly City, Broadmoor, Colma, Westborough and Buri Buri. Shared community spaces, such as churches, shopping centers, and community centers, unite the Filipino American communities in these areas, as well as shared interests around healthcare and social services.
- Daly City has significant cultural and ethnic diversity. Many residents speak languages other than English and are immigrants, with shared interests around language access. Many residents of Daly City also have shared socioeconomic challenges, with a need for safety net services, housing affordability, and investment in school and enrichment programs.
- Daly City is kept whole.

This proposal respects the integrity of communities of interest, acknowledges the commission's desire to minimize city splits, and most importantly, uplifts the voices

of underrepresented communities across the County.

Thank you so much for your time and service to the people of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Unity Map Coalition:

- Nuestra Casa
- Rise SSF
- One East Palo Alto
- Climate Resilient Communities
- Community Equity Collaborative
- Puente de La Costa Sur
- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
- Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC)
- Philipino Bayanihan Resource Center (PBRC)
- Thrive Alliance
- Belle Haven Action
- San Francisco Peninsula People Power

Participating as individuals:

- Evan Adams, Peninsula For Everyone
- Marya Ouro-Gbeleou, Daly City Partnership
- Connie Guerrero, Casa Circulo Cultural
- Pam Jones, Voter Education and Outreach Advisory Committee

Institutional Support:

Silicon Valley Community Foundation and the Grove Action Fund are supportive partners of many of the organizations in the Unity Map Coalition and of this community-driven process.

Technical Assistance and Mapping Assistance:

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus.

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The Unity Map was created by 12 organizations and 4 individuals as part of the Unity Map Coalition. In addition to those, the Map is supported by two institutions, PLUS the 9 organizations and 33 individuals who signed on after the map was submitted, for a total of 21 Community Based Organizations and 37 individuals.

We have consolidated 4 comments from CBOs and 9 comments from individuals in this document. Please treat them as individual comments.

The following organizations and individuals have signed on to support the Unity Map after it was submitted the District Lines commission

As of November 8, 2021 4 pm

Signing as Organizations

1. **Plastic Free Future**, Alejandra Warren, Executive Director
2. **The Z Bridge**, Irma Zoepf, Founder & Principal
3. **Foundation for a College Education**, Mario de los Angeles Crummett, Executive Director
4. **Family Connections**, Lorena Alcayaga, Program Director
5. **HealthWays**, Vennie Acebedo, Director
6. **Peninsula Special Interest Lions Medical and Health Charities, INC.**, Eleanor Britter, Past President and Now Secretary
“This is a very valuable change for our county. It allows us to serve wisely across all diversities sharing abundantly and appropriately to all.”
7. **San Francisco Peninsula People Power**, Ginny Kraus & Susan Feist
“San Mateo county has an opportunity to be a leader in a map relating to equality. We urge your support”
8. **Coastside Hope**, Judith Guerrero, Executive Director
“The midcoast is often underrepresented and overlooked. We need better representation and we need someone that will care about the challenges faced by the hard-working forces of neighbors the mid-coast is part of.”
9. **El Concilio of San Mateo County**, Ortensia Lopez, Executive Director & Gloria Fores-Garcia, Associate Executive Director
“Great work!”



Signing as individuals

1. **Amy Kohrman**, Development Director at EPATT
2. **Antonio D. Lopez**, Councilmember at East Palo Alto City Council
3. **Carina Merrick**, San Francisco People Power, Fixin' San Mateo County, and Fools Mission
4. **Ilan Listgarten**, San Mateo Resident
5. **James Lawrence**, Chair-Board of Directors at Fixin' San Mateo County
6. **Jeannette Ferrary**, ACLU
7. **Julia Atkinson**, Individual
8. **Kassandra Talbot**, Teacher & Doctoral Candidate at LHPUSH/SFSU
9. **Leane Eberhart**, Individual
10. **Lynne Bramlett**, President at MPC Ready
11. **Malinda Marshall**, Individual
12. **Mary Gloner**, Project Safety Net
13. **Michael Listgarten**, Individual
14. **Michelle Clapham**, San Mateo County Resident
15. **Nancy Krop**
16. **Ron Susek**, Resident
17. **Sarah Kinahan**, Individual
18. **Susan Houston**, Individual
19. **Susy Castoria**, San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities
20. **Teri Chin**, Human Services Manager at Fair Oaks Community Center
21. **Virginia Marans**, Director of Engagement at St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County
22. **Yedida Kanfer**, Individual



23. **Elsa Schafer**, UUCPA: Stewardship Comte; UU The Vote/ Reclaim Our Vote at SMC
DFA: Healthcare and Voting Integrity Task Force Chair; Fixin' SMC: Planning and
Comms Committees

24. **Cindy Abbot**, Community Member

“Thank you for the well-documented and thoughtful recommendation for redistricting. The Unity map finds an important balance with all of the redistricting criteria. As a coastside* resident of 25 years in Pacifica, it's critical at this time of climate crisis that there is a unified voice for issues along the ocean; these are very different from what is taking place on the Bay. The coast is a unique place, with a diverse population and is best represented together; a district straddled across the peninsula won't provide the understanding of this important area. *San Mateo County's Coastsides is Pacifica to Pescadero.”

25. **Kit Durgin**, Volunteer at San Francisco Peninsula People Power

“I urge Supervisors to adopt the Unity map because 1) it was developed by a broad Coalition of organizations representing our County's diversity, 2) Communities of Interest will have potential power to ensure that San Mateo County policies are influenced by all segments of our population. A map which prioritizes sustaining cities is redundant in that cities have voice through City.”

26. **Lisa Hicks-Dumanske**, Lay Leader at Woodside Road United Methodist Church

“In pursuit of equity, I support this unity map to uplift the needs of marginalized communities across San Mateo County.”

27. **Michael Levinson**, Committee Member of San Mateo County Voting Accessibility
Advisory Committee

“Maximizing the number of members from minority communities, culturally comparable communities and similarly impacted communities (i.e. airport noise issues) is likely to increase voter turnout and citizen participation in the political process in our county. If a person believes that voting will have an impact on their life, they might even get involved in local government or decide to join a public service organization. I support this map, as it appears to emphasize these principles”

28. **Nancy Goodban**, Individual

“This is great because it is a collaborative effort by communities. (I live in Redwood City)”

29. **Nancy Teirney**, Volunteer at Sierra Club

“The Unity Map represents considerable input from community members and redistricting officials, and achieves the primary objectives for establishing legislative districts.”



30. **Sarah Matlin**, Co-chair at ACLU-North Peninsula Chapter
“Please respect the community-based input this letter represents.”
31. **Stewart Hyland**, St. Francis of Assisi Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Faith in Action Bay Area Leader
“Geography matters, keeping our communities of color and working class family income ranges, combined in south county in order to have a supervisor dedicated to listen to our concerns is really more of a practical matter.”
32. **Sue Digre**, PARCA Family Support Services Department Director at PARCA & Termed out Pacifica City Council Elected
“This was very hard work from residents who know San Mateo County residents very well and care for all.”
33. **Susan Whitford**, San Francisco Peninsula People Power
“It is time to have representation in San Mateo County to reflect the diversity of our population.”

From: [Barbara Hooper](#)
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [CMO districtlines](#); [Don Horsley](#)
Cc: [Barbara Hooper](#)
Subject: SMC Redistricting - adopt Espinoza map
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:54:13 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

I attended two of the meetings of the Commission which was appointed to discuss possible San Mateo County 2021 Redistricting maps.

After reviewing the two maps recommended by the Commission, I enthusiastically support the best and most logical map for all of San Mateo County -- the **Espinoza** map.

The integrity of the redistricting process is very important. The **Espinoza** map takes into consideration the requirements for fair and representative district lines by keeping communities of interest whole and diversifying districts to meet demographic changes. Most importantly, this map honors the significant public input from residents throughout San Mateo County to keep areas such as the Coastside and unincorporated areas together. Therefore, the **Espinoza** map should be the redistricting map that the Board of Supervisors adopts. And, by selecting the **Espinoza** map the Board of Supervisors will meet the needs of its constituents.

Sincerely,
Barbara Hooper
La Honda resident

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Kim B. <klynne747@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:06 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: SM Co BOS Redistricting Map

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Regarding the Board's vote tomorrow adopting a new SM Co BOS District Map, I am writing to urge you to vote for the ESPINOZA version.

As a 40+ year resident in this unincorporated area, experience has shown that many of the issues and challenges we face have little in common with our neighbors in the cities. Our recent BOS representative has been a visible and accessible figure in our communities with understanding of challenges faced and recognizing opportunities that benefit the population. I am deeply concerned about the capacity and division that a representative could face if the Espinoza map is not adopted. Please help us to keep our communities robust by adopting the Espinoza map.

Thank You,

Kim Borick
La Honda, CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Suzanne Moore <suzyqettu2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:50 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: BOS agenda 11/9/21 item 8 redistricting

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Honorable supervisors,

I am a Pacifica resident and believe the issues of the coastal communities well qualify us as a community of interest. I support the Thrive Unity map in which communities of the coast including Pacifica are all together. Thank you.

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

From: Sabrina Brennan
To: David Canepa, Carole Cronin, Warren Slocum, Dave Fine, Don Herdick
Cc: Sabina Brennan, John Smith, Marlene, Erik@conserv, Tom Lind, Barbara, Marjorie, Boating, Stephanie@Coastal, Noah Schwartz, Nicholas Calderon, Edmunds, Leanne, Mia Dolan, sarah.heckel@sonoma.ca.gov, goomb@ymail.com, bermer@sonoma.ca.gov, call@empacaliborator.org, Maria Bower, pad.michell@sonoma.gov, Dawn Hayes, Rebecca Johnson, Jonathan Hochstetler, jason@psychobor.com, stephen.west@audible.ca.gov
Subject: BOS Meeting Nov 9, 2021, Agenda Item 9 - Off-Leash Dog Kills Seal Pup at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:45:42 PM
Attachments: [LUNA - Luna.png](#)

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Dear President Canepa and Supervisors,

I'm writing to you regarding agenda item 9 at your upcoming board meeting this Tuesday.

Off-leash dogs on the Pillar Point Bluff segment of the California Coastal Trail (located within the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve) attack and bite people, attack and bite seals and attack and kill federally protected wildlife. For this reason my family is concerned about harm to federally protected marine mammals and recreational displacement of visitors caused by elevated risks to public safety.

I was attacked by a dog while riding my bike on the Pillar Point Bluff segment of the California Coastal Trail. A pack of off-leash dogs were hunting rabbits and a pit bull chased me and bit my leg drawing blood with multiple puncture wounds. It took me over 6 months to recover and I'm still scared when dogs are off-leash and hunting at Pillar Point Bluff trail and beach (aka Ross' Cove beach). To get away, I was forced to kick the dog while it was biting me. I did not stop peddling my bike until I was far away from the pack of dogs. At the time, I was bike riding with a neighbor and he watched the whole thing happen.

The dogs were up the bluff away from their owner and completely out of her sight. Eventually the owner got control over three of her five dogs but she never apologized, not even after looking at the deep puncture wounds on my thigh. The dogs owner lives on the east side on Highway 1 in Moss Beach. I reported the incident to the County and nothing was done. If this had happened to a child they might have needed surgery or worse.

Latinx families with young children, who live in the Pillar Ridge neighborhood, often use the trails at Pillar Point Bluff for recreation and exercise. Why should families with children be subjected to off-leash dog attacks? Some of them don't have health insurance. Will the County pay their medical expenses including surgery and years of therapy to recover from the emotional distress caused by a dog attack? And what if someone is killed by an off-leash dog? Will their loved ones be compensated by the County if you approve the proposed off-leash policy?

Are you aware that a man jogging with his off-leash dog physically attacked a couple on the Pillar Point Bluff segment of the California Coastal Trail because the women was afraid of his dog? He beat her and her husband on the trail and pushed the woman facedown into the coyote brush. Her husband was bleeding and injured from the physical attack. The couple reported the violent incident to the Sheriff and I told officers what I witnessed along with another neighbor. Witnessing a dog owner assaulting two hikers brought back traumatic memories of the the dog attack I experienced and the lack of concern on the part of the dog owner. I have a video of the man who assaulted the couple. Very sad.

Please stop off-leash dogs from hunting wildlife on the bluff, beach and reef. Please also stop poachers at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, it's a chronic problem that's getting worse. This week, I confronted three different people poaching at the FMR during a 48-hour period and witnessed multiple off-leash dogs chasing wildlife at Pillar Point Bluff and on the beach below the bluff.

Please see the attached photo of an off-leash dog (Luna) eating a seal pup on the reef at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve just below Pillar Point Bluff.

Additionally, my sister was hospitalized with severe injuries from a dog attack that occurred in a park. My sister did not fully recover from her injuries, out of concern for the public she would like to submit a video of an off-leash dog (Luna) killing a seal pup as her comment on agenda item 9. Please play this YouTube video during item 9 for my sister: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm7XFpu3ZMY>

Please hire a new parks director with experience.

Thank you,
Sabrina Brennan
Seal Cove—Moss Beach



Off-Leash Dog On Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Reef Kills Seal Pup
Photo published on Instagram: @pillarpointharbor @fitzgeraldmarinereserve

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sabrina BRENNAN <sabrina@dfm.com>

Subject: Trial off-leash dog policy public comment period: Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

Date: August 4, 2021 at 6:54:27 PM PDT

To: Nicholas Calderon <ncalderon@smcgov.org>, John Nibbelin <jnibbelin@smcgov.org>

Cc: Chris Deimler <chris.deimler@gmx.com>, "dan.carl@coastal.ca.gov" <dan.carl@coastal.ca.gov>, Erik Martinez <erik.martinez@coastal.ca.gov>, "amanda.canepa@wildlife.ca.gov" <amanda.canepa@wildlife.ca.gov>, "will.kanz@wildlife.ca.gov" <will.kanz@wildlife.ca.gov>, Gladwyn D'Souza <godsouza@mac.com>, Marshall Dinowitz <marshall2003@comcast.net>, Donna Pomeroy <dpom@comcast.net>, Max Delaney - NOAA Federal <max.delaney@noaa.gov>

Hello Nick,

Please let us know why the San Mateo County Parks Commission would consider a recommendation to the board of supervisors to certify an off-leash dog pilot program at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve while the Neg Dec is still out for public comment?

Please apply for a CDP so the CCC has an opportunity to evaluate the "change density and intensity of use" in this sensitive area. Have you sent the Parks proposal to CDFW and USFWS for their comments on how off-leash dogs could impact wildlife?

Off-leash dogs on the Pillar Point Bluff segment of the California Coastal Trail (located within the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve) attack and bite people, attack and bite seals and attack and kill federally protected wildlife. For this reason Aimee and I are concerned about harm to federally protected marine mammals and recreational displacement of visitors caused by elevated risks to public safety.

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Latinx families with young children, who live in the Pillar Ridge neighborhood, often use the Pillar Point Bluff Coastal Trail segment for recreation and exercise. Why should families with children be subjected to off-leash dog attacks? Some of them don't have health insurance. Will the County pay their medical expenses including surgery and years of therapy to recover from the emotional distress caused by a dog attack? And what if someone is killed by an off-leash dog? Will their loved ones be compensated by the County?

Let's not forget the man jogging with his off-leash dog who physically attacked a couple on the Pillar Point Bluff segment of the California Coastal Trail because the woman was afraid of his dog. He beat her and her husband on the trail and pushed the woman face down into the coyote brush. Her husband was bleeding and injured from the attack. It was a horrible incident. The couple reported the violent incident to the Sheriff and I told officers what I witnessed along with another neighbor. The experience brought back traumatic memories the the dog attack I experienced on the same trail. I have video of the man who assaulted the couple. Very sad.

Please stop allowing off-leash dogs to hunt wildlife on the bluff, beach and reef.

7. Regular Agenda

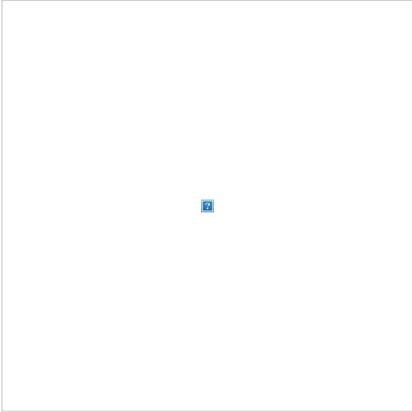
7.1 Make a Recommendation to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to Certify the Parks Department's Off-Leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program's Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ACTION)

Please act responsibly and protect people and wildlife from off-leash dogs on the Coastal Trail.

Thank you,
Sabrina Brennan
Seal Cove - Moss Beach

----- Forwarded Message -----

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Our pilot program for off-leash dog recreation in Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park has [released a CEQA document](#) for review and comment. The [document](#) will be reviewed at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, to be held virtually on Thursday, August 5.

Together with our partners at [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#), we'll present a [webinar about the past, present, and future of Tunitas Creek Beach](#). [Join us August 13](#) at noon to learn more about the soon-to-be newest public beach on the San Mateo County coast.

And we're pleased to report an important step in the [Reimagine Flood Park](#) project. The Board of Supervisors has [awarded a contract to CMG Landscape Architecture](#) to develop plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the project.

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Commission to review dog pilot program CEQA document August 5

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[Kevin QuestMoss Beach](#) • 15 hr ago

Leash your dogs on the bluffs.

This morning around 10, I was walking my dog on the pillar point bluffs like I do every morning. A woman with two dogs off leash came up behind me. I told her that my dog was going to attack hers as soon as he saw them. I positioned myself between the dogs while pulling mine closer. She made no attempt to control her dogs (the dogs were sweet and not aggressive). My dog is a rescue. He was a bait dog in dog fights. He is afraid of dogs and reacts aggressively so is never off leash. When my dog noticed them, he turned and became aggressive. She finally grabbed them by the collars but never attempted to leash them. I told her there were multiple signs requiring dogs to be leashed. She told me I was wrong and to check the county website. <https://parks.smcgov.org/pillar-point-bluff> Guess who was wrong. As she walked away she still didn't leash them and had no voice control over them. Woman was 50-60s with short hair. Two large dogs. One brown, not sure of the breed, the other a golden I think. Maroon SUV. If you know her, correct her.



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[Joyce Logan](#)

• [Half Moon Bay](#)

Thank you for taking in and caring for a dog so cruelly treated. And for taking the time to educate your Coastside neighbors.
14 hr ago



[Angela Pierucci](#)

• [Montara](#)

Echoing Joyce's gratitude!!!
4 hr ago



[Ellen Silva](#)

• [El Granada](#)

This same thing happened to me today in El Granada, different dogs, why can't people leash their dogs? Mine got trampled by huskies when she was less than a year old and will be aggressive if run up on by big dogs because she's fearful. I leash her to control her, and keep her safe, but when off leash dogs run up and I ask owners to leash them they say "oh mine are friendly". That's not the point.
13 hr ago



[Angela Pierucci](#)

• [Montara](#)

Yes! Isn't that ridiculous?! Someone else's dog is friendly. Great. If my dog is scared, he *will* react on instinct. And that "friendly" dog? That dog *will* defend itself on instinct. Whyyyyyyyy put them in that position?(edited)
3h



[Barbara LaVey](#)

• [Montara](#)

We have to leash up when we come up on others that are leashed. I appreciate this story. Take care.
5 hr ago



[Chris Deimler](#)

• [Montara](#)

No Barbara, you should be leashed at all times. That's the law.
4 hr ago



[Barbara LaVey](#)

• [Montara](#)

[Chris Deimler](#) sorry, I meant to be appealing to common sense...I don't know the law, haven't read it. Thanks for sharing your knowledge. Never meaning any offense. I wish this was a calmer place actually. Sheesh
2 hr ago



[Jacqueline Nauman](#)

• [El Granada](#)

Agree with Barbara. There are off leash areas here but we ALWAYS leash up when approaching other leashed dogs or people without animals. It's called leash-etiquette and common courtesy and she def should've leashed her dogs on approach. It's those folks that make the rest of us dog people look bad. We don't take our dogs to the bluffs anymore. There are better off leash areas we can go to!
26 min ago



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[Dawn Beavis](#)

• [El Granada](#)

I believe there is a move afoot to run a pilot program to allow off leash dogs on the Pillar Point Bluffs - not sure where that is in the implementation process currently
5 hr ago



[Melissa Majewski](#)

• [El Granada](#)

I also read about that last week.
5 hr ago



[Kevin Quest](#)

• [Mass Beach](#)

I have heard about that but as far as I can tell, it's not being tried yet. It doesn't excuse not having vocal control of the dogs. It's not a dog park. I usually don't say anything when people have dogs off leash because they are usually under control and not an issue.
5 hr ago



[Erika Mençada](#)

• [Pillar Ridge](#)

I believe the pilot has started
4 hr ago



[Chris Deimler](#)

• [Montara](#)

[Erika Mençada](#) it has not. The public comments either just have, or are about to close. I've sent my strong objections to this program.
4 hr ago



[Jacqueline Nauman](#)

• [El Granada](#)

[Chris Deimler](#) yes it has as of July 14th: <https://csganet.opr.ca.gov/2021070237>
17 min ago



[Jacqueline Nauman](#)

• [El Granada](#)

sorry correcting myself. The pilot just ended. They are not enforcing yet.
16 min ago



[Chris Deimler](#)

• [Montara](#)
[Jacqueline Nauman](#) no worries. A pilot program has not yet started. Public comment on the proposed program ended 7/13/21, and is now in review to determine if a test program allowing off leash dogs is warranted.
10 min ago



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[Ellen Silva](#)

• [El Granada](#)
I walk up there because I've had too many dogs run at me (and my dog) down on the beach. Have been run into many times. Hope this does not become an unsafe place on bluff as well!
5 hr ago



[Erika Moncada](#)

• [Elia Ridge](#)
Email the county they have requested feedback on the no leash pilot program on the bluffs I for one am not for it too many dogs attacked by off leash dogs
4 hr ago



[Amy T.](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
[Erika Moncada](#) comment period was until August 13
2 hr ago



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[Bert Lum](#)

• [Montara](#)
Thanks for posting. So sad that your do was a bait dog for dog fighting. How cruel- we need more care in giving pets away. Bless you for rescuing.
5 hr ago



[Angela Pierucci](#)

• [Montara](#)
I'm 100% in agreement with you!! This puts all of you in danger. My dogs are also rescues and leash-aggressive, and this always makes me wary of taking them on walks. And the less exposure, the more aggressive, and the more anxiety for me...just a vicious cycle. (For the record, they're both actually super sweet off-leash and if you said "boo" to them, they'd run for cover, lol.) But when I do take them out and someone else has their dog/s off-leash, it's so upsetting! I'm not ok with the audacity of others, so comfortable with their dogs and uncaring about others'. I'm sorry this happened - it's thoughtless and clearly violates the rules in place for all of us - pets and humans.(edited)
2h



[Harold H.](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
See proposal <https://parks.smcgov.org/press-release/dog-pilot-program-ccqa-document-available-review-and-comments>(edited)
4h



[Kevin Ojost](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
No matter the area, leash or no leash, you are required to have control of your dog. Leash laws exist because people are irresponsible. Dogs, right or wrong, are considered property. An unleashed and uncontrolled dog is a threat to property. If people weren't reckless, we wouldn't need leash laws. Unfortunately, some ruin it for all.
4 hr ago



[Angela Stevenson](#)

• [El Granada](#)
This happened to our dogs in the East Bay last week, so now my boy Berger Picard is on edge about other dogs, off-leash and on leash. In our case the man made no attempt to gather his dog. He just walked on by and let his dog catch up with him when the fun was over. My husband and two dogs were left to persuade the dog to walk away. It wasn't pretty, but thankfully it was mostly noise and no one was hurt. With the state my dog is in now, the more dogs he sees under good control in the coming weeks, the more quickly he will be feeling better. So I deeply appreciate folks out there using their leashes. I also appreciate folks letting us know that the comments period to the county is open. I'll send an email.
3 hr ago



[Amy T.](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
The county park service had a period for public comment which closed August 13
2 hr ago



[Valerie Dubois](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
This is a problem everywhere. People think because their dog is friendly they should be able to wander anywhere and approach anyone. They don't understand how dangerous it is for their dogs to approach leashed dogs, or the long term negative impact it can have on the leashed dog.(or a scared human for that matter). Even if off-leash dogs were allowed they need to be under control, which these surely were not.(edited)
2h



[Sara Nebeling](#)

• [Frenchman's Creek](#)
Our neighbor's dog got into an incident like this. That sweet dog has forever been labeled "Dangerous" by the county, and is never off leash again. Lesson learned the hard way.
2 hr ago



[Barry Parr](#)

• [Montara](#)
This is a huge problem. Our dog is also a skittish rescue. She will snap at friendly dogs. Virtually none of these off-leash walkers have any control over their dogs. I've watched them yell helplessly after their dogs, who are oblivious to their pleas.
2 hr ago



[Karen Eppes](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)
Yes there is a leash law there with signs!!!
1 hr ago



[Birgitta Bower](#)

• [El Granada](#)
There are 8500 dogs between Montara and Half Moon Bay (according to consultant for environmental impact regarding dogs and Quarry Park.)There are big dogs, small dogs, shy dogs, rambunctious dogs. Most dogs need daily exercise, most dogs need to run, most of us have small backyards. Somehow we all have to get along. We used to have a dog that came as a one-year-old from Animal Services in San Jose. She started out as leash aggressive to other dogs, and needed to be socialized. Eventually she could enjoy the East Bay Regional Parks off leash. Now we have another rescue, we got as a 4-month-old very scared and trembling pup last year. Turns out she loves to play with dogs on the beach. She is intimidated by dogs that are too big or rough, and will just stay in the water, which she regards as base, but will invite most dogs for a run around. We also found that she loves frisbees. She gets the zoomies (Frenetic Random Activity Periods)and just needs to run in circles with pent up energy and joy of life. Watch the humans

looking at the pups playing in the surf, it's hard not to smile. We would be devastated if we couldn't have our dog off leash anywhere locally. We were at Fort Funston yesterday which is an amazing place, and just wish it was a bit closer. As you document there are occasional problems, but with all these thousands of dogs, I think things generally work surprisingly well. Usually dog owners are good at policing each other if needed. When you take your dog out in the world you do have to be vigilant and conscious of both your own dog and your surroundings, you have to respect dogs on leash, and leash up. Most dog owners will communicate pleasantly with each other when meeting on the beach and trail. Over 7 years with dogs on the Coast, I haven't had any negative interactions, just smiles. Please don't let instances of inconsiderate behavior ruin it for the vast majority of dogs.

1 hr ago



[Kevin Quest](#)

• [Moss Beach](#)

It's a leashed area. The people walking their dogs unleashed are ruining it. As the coastside population increases, the problem increases. Been walking dogs here since the 80's and the problem is relatively new. There are places where leashes are required and places they are not. I walk my dog where they are required because it keeps my dog safe. Telling you to leash your dog is me being polite when you're in the wrong. Do not make me defend my dog from your irresponsibility.(edited)

48m



[Tanya Bingham](#)

• [El Granada](#)

Thank you well said

46 min ago



[Koran Wong](#)

• [Montara](#)

[Kevin Quest](#) perfectly said. Thank you. Hopefully the message will get through.

28 min ago



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[Jeff Leeds](#)

• [El Granada](#)

Please on the coast path too, I have to dodge and hope that unleashed dogs don't knock me off my bike. I ride at very reasonable pace, never more than the speed limit of 15, but man when those unleashed dogs are there I don't know if they are good and well behaved, but when they are surprised I have had a few lunge at me, very scary. What is the obsession with people not putting the dog on a leash.

55 min ago



[Alan Joss](#)

• [Montara](#)

Agree. My 13 year old cattle dog is blind and startles easily and my 15 year old border collie mix has limited mobility. I just don't know how mine will react as they age.

52 min ago



[Tanya Bingham](#)

• [El Granada](#)

I fear Human interaction more than I do Canine interaction here on the coast

45 min ago



[Sarah Ren](#)

• [Half Moon Bay](#)

I have a former bait dog as well. We stopped walking the local trails a couple years back with her for this very reason. Every time you take your dog out of the house you are promising them you will keep them safe. Because others don't follow the rules, I can't make her that promise. At the end of the day, in my very humble, thoughtful and data-driven opinion, it's more about owner ego than dog well-being. If your dog needs that kind of activity...find a place to do it where you set them up for success and you don't infringe on the rights of others.(edited)

29m



[Angela Pierucci](#)

• [Montara](#)

Well said. Thank you, Sarah.

Just now



[Virginia Turezyn](#)

• [Avalon Park](#)

All public spaces require dogs on a leash. And please don't get me started as to how many dog owners do not have the courtesy of picking up their dog's poop on the discernable walking paths. It's quite unpleasant and unhealthy. As one commenter recently pointed out the situation continues to get worse. We all need to be more respectful of the beauty of the coast and one another!

27 min ago



[Marc Rosoff](#)

• [Highland Park](#)

I have dealt with this for many years. Off leash dogs approaching my leashed dog without consent. I am fine with off leash dogs as long as they are under proper voice control and don't run up to my dogs. Unfortunately this is not what I typically experience on the bluffs or elsewhere. From that standpoint dogs should be on leash.

18 min ago

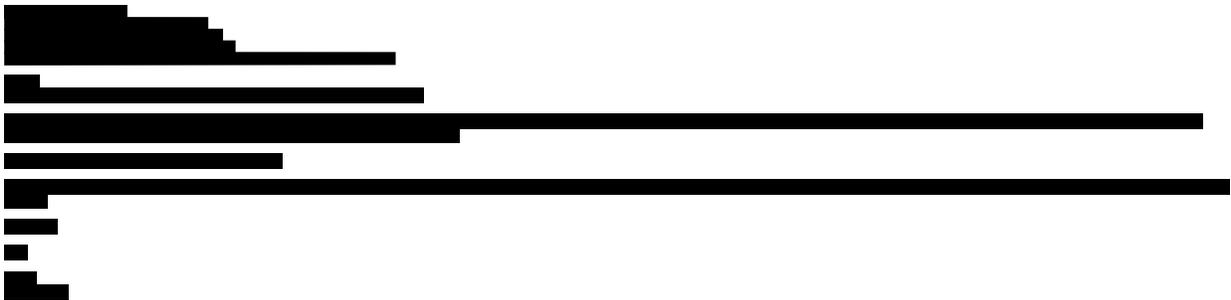


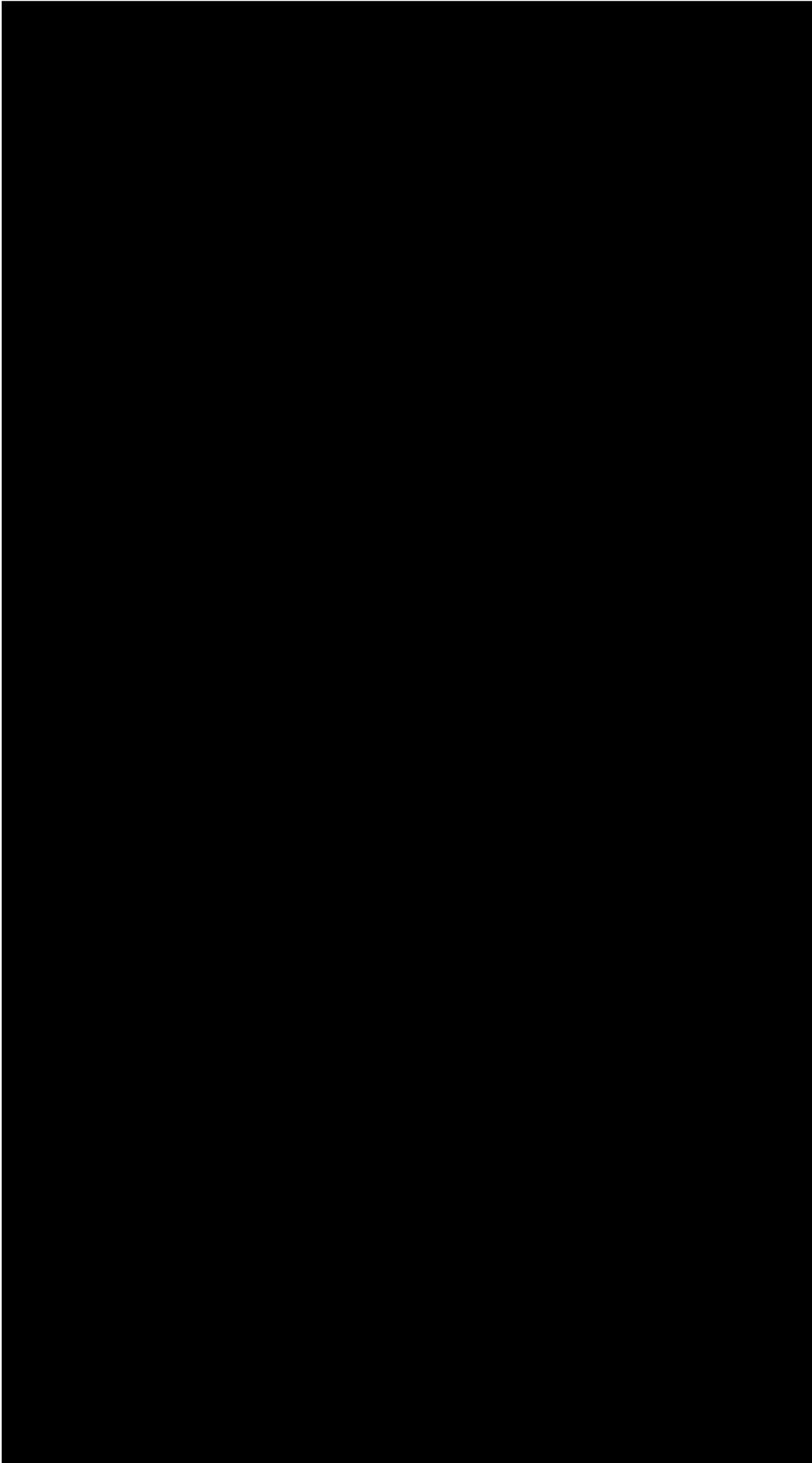
[Angela Pierucci](#)

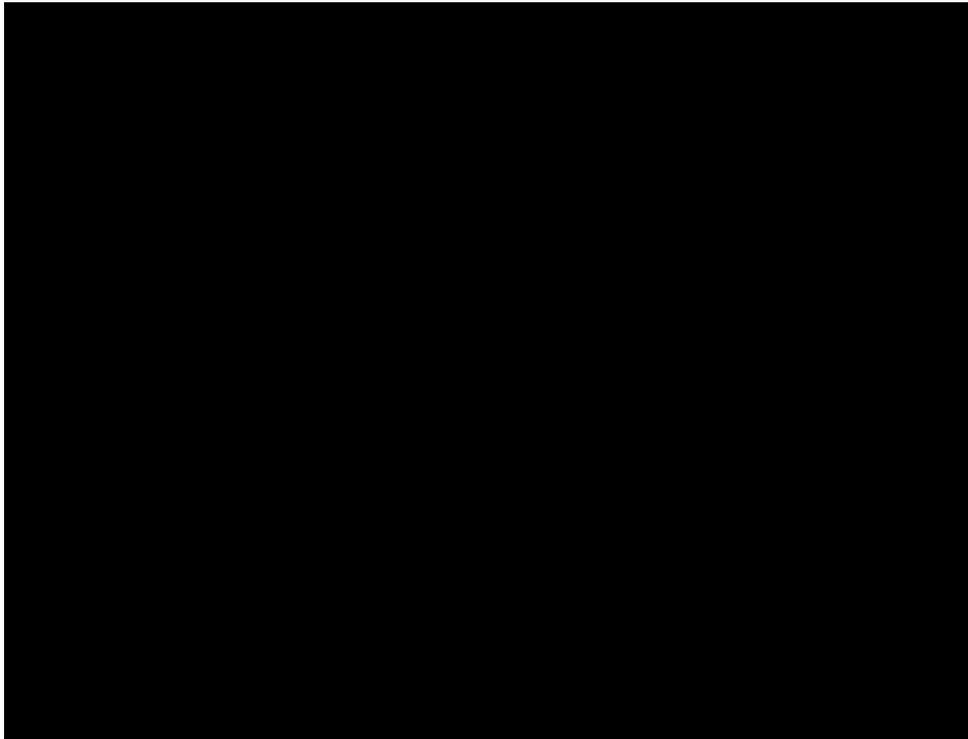
• [Montara](#)

I have no problem with off-leash dogs. *In an off-leash area.* No surprises. However, the law is not up for interpretation. It doesn't matter if someone's dog and a hundred others get along well off-leash - there is a law for a reason. No one - nor their dog - is that special to ignore the law. Period.

1 min ago







Sukhmani Purewal

From: L <lmg55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:58 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off-leash dog access at county parks

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Linda Goldman, and I'm a longtime resident of Redwood Shores. Our county does not have enough areas where families can enjoy off-leash walks with their dogs. Please vote YES for the off-leash pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park and for the rules drafted by the Dog Work Group. Thank you.

Best regards,
Linda
17 Waterside Cir
Redwood Shores
650-248-5322

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jennie Book <jennie@jenniebook.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:45 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: SMCP Off-Leash plan.

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Hello SMC Board Members,

I'm writing to voice my support in favor of off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff in El Granada. A vote in favor-of is important for the health and happiness of our human and furry friends. A need exists for an off-leash plan, and your yes vote will answer it.

After a lot of hard work and an extensive review process by everyone involved, it would be wonderful for this to move forward.

Thank you very much,
Jennie Book
Half Moon Bay, CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Michael Cadigan <cadpack@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:32 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Support for the Pilot "Dog Off-Leash Program at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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Dear Supervisor,

I am a nearly 30-year resident of El Granada here on the San Mateo County coastside. I write to express my support of the 'off-leash for dogs' proposals for my local County park locations: Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.

I urge you to vote **"Yes"** to approve the pilot effort to allow off-leash dog recreation in these 2 areas. I have attended numerous meetings, locally and in Redwood City, over nearly four years, as the Committee formed to come up with these proposals worked tirelessly to research and develop a well-thought out, balanced and reasonable plan.

I have walked with my dog in other communities which permit off-leash dog recreation (in Marin and Alameda Counties, and in East Bay Regional Parks in particular) where I saw many multi-use trail users, with and without dogs, with and without children, some riding bicycles or horses, with successful shared trail usage. San Mateo County residents can behave just as responsibly and deserve to have the same opportunities to recreate with their dogs.

The Dog Work group and County Parks staff together recommended both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs Park for this much-needed step forward for the health of dogs and their owners.

I walk frequently in both of these parks; I pick up trash and the occasional abandoned 'poop' bags I encounter because I value highly this open spaces for myself and my dog.

Thank you,

Michael Cadigan

565 The Alameda El Granada, CA

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Rebecca Michael <rmichael10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:20 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Off-Leash Pilot

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Please consider the off-leash pilot at Pillar Point Bluff. It is just a pilot, so if it's unsuccessful then it can go back to on-leash only. Please give off-leash a chance.

Thank you,
Rebecca Michael

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sarah Christiano <schristiano@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:16 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Vote YES on Off-Leash Access

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Hi - I am a San Mateo resident encouraging you to vote to allow off-leash trail access at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. Thank you.

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Debbie Carl <debicarl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 4:11 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: San Mateo County Parks off leash pilots

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Hello

- 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.
- Our four legged friends need a place to run free and exercise just as we do so please support the off-leash trails for both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop. There are more good dog owners than the few bad ones that don't follow the rules so please don't punish all of us for those few.
- Sincerely
- Debbie Carl - dog owner

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Karen Brown Herbert <herbert@karenbrown.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:48 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off-Leash Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express our strong support for off-leash dog walking for both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs. We have been supporting this agenda item for the many years it has been up for review. We have written to you previously; have attended every meeting we were available to attend - both at the RWC court house as well as at your offices at Coyote Point and on many occasions have stood and voiced our opinions, and we have called and spoken to people in your office(s) numerous times. After all these years, we are glad to see we are finally at a point where a decision will be made as this has been a long and very frustrating process. We are also glad that over time your position has changed from a required unanimous vote to a majority - which gave us hope that we would be listened to and our positions taken into consideration.

We have been proud coastsides residents since 1990 when we built Seal Cove Inn. One of the reasons we love living on the coastsides is that we are able to get out and walk our dogs on the coastal bluffs and trails. I believe and hear that this is a large part of the enticement for others to move here. Consider Carmel as a prime example of how a dog friendly community benefits financially. They use the fact that they are a dog friendly town in their marketing and promotion - it is a huge success!

The fact that many of us have walked our dogs off leash for years; being respectful of the environment and others who share the trails, it does NOT seem right that you can mandate changes without taking into consideration all the coastsides residents as well as people who travel to the coastsides and have walked their dogs for decades and enjoy the coastal bluffs and trails. In the three decades we have walked the trails we have not seen any evidence of dogs negatively impacting the environment. There has been some natural erosion and bulldozers eradicating the pampas grass a few years ago did more damage than the impact of people walking the trails. We sincerely believe people who walk their dogs, and it is a consistent group of the same people over the years, have great respect for the trails they walk, appreciate and love. We also believe they have great respect and are courteous of people who are not "dog people"; understanding that some people are truly frightened of our four-legged friends. As with any scenario, there are always those who aren't respectful or courteous but, they are honestly few and far between and we would venture to say that "we" as dog people would intervene - again, wanting the trails to be a welcoming and comfortable place for all to walk and share.

As mentioned in some of the meetings, perhaps restrictions could vary between mid-week and weekends. Locals tend to be the ones walking the trails mid-week while weekends attract many people who might not be as respectful or understanding of the regulations. We realize that the burden of enforcing restrictions falls to the Park Rangers, but, again, I believe the task would fall to the weekends. We did feel it was outrageous when the discussion of fines or even jail time were threatened as a consequence of off-leash walking. We would hope for a reasonable solution affording any and everyone who enjoys the trails to do so; and allowing those who have walked their dogs for years to continue to do so. There are so few places in our county where people can walk their dogs off leash - and we hope you will understand how important it is for everyone's health (two and four legged) to do so.

It was our understanding after the last meeting before the pandemic that a trial period was approved and yet, signs do not evidence that decision nor do rangers seem aware of any understanding of the meetings or agreements. We will hope that a decision will not be finalized that takes away dog walking privileges without a trial period. To be honest, we personally feel the last three decades that we have walked our dogs, almost on a daily basis, evidence that walking dogs does not destroy our environment and should be allowed to continue. We do feel the off-leash pilot rules are reasonable and would happily abide by them in a trial period or on a permanent basis. Again, we want everyone to enjoy the trails.

We apologize for the rambling of this note - just eager to get this off to you before close of day so that you will hopefully take our request and the requests of others into consideration. We hope to join the virtual meeting tomorrow but, have a previous commitment that if we cannot change, might conflict.

We do have other emails sent (and a few written ones left at the various meetings) that should be on record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen and Rick Herbert

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Jennifer Glynn <glynnja08@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:46 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Cc: Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Please Support the Off-Leash Pilots Plan on Nov. 9

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Dear Board Members,

Please continue to allow off leash dogs on beaches in Half Moon Bay.

Thank you,
Jennifer Glynn
Resident, Half Moon Bay

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Nogara <nogara@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:51 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Off leash Pillar point & Quarry Park

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I do not support off leash in these two areas of San Mateo County. It is a safety issue. Period.
Safety for the dogs off and on leash and their walkers.
These two areas are also too confining.

Too many dogs have gone over the cliffs, walker follows, only to need rescuing by authorities.

There's no way a walker can clean up dog waste if it's out of site.

The mix of on and off leash dogs potentially creates issues of aggression, disease and anxiety for all involved.

There are plenty of off leash dog areas outside of San Mateo County AND also a dog park in Half Moon Bay

My suggestion is to host, for coastside locals, off leash events at certain times in a more open area ... like one of the beaches unseen by highway 1 travelers.

I vote AGAINST off leash dog walking.

Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: jl27hambor@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:51 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Support of OFF LEASH Dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park

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As a resident of Moss Beach for over 30 years, with a property that is near the Pillar Point trail, I am in support of having well behaved off-leash dogs on portions of the trails. Although I no longer have dogs, the trails have always been a place where dogs could exercise freely and humans can enjoy their activity. The portioning of the trails onto leashed and unleashed areas is a good compromise.

Sincerely,

Leslie O'Brien
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Moss Beach, CA 94038

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Sue Hawley <kellruss@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 2:31 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Don Horsley; Warren Slocum; David Canepa; Nicholas Calderon
Subject: Pillar Point/Quarry Park off leash pilot program

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Dear Board Members, Supervisor Horsly, Director Calderon,

My husband and I are writing to voice our 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. Having attended almost all of these meetings we are well aware of how much work and committee support is behind the decision to present this pilot program.

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. This would be an opportunity to provide recreation opportunities to off-leash dog walkers that is so sorely lacking in this county.

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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sue Hawley

Rusty Rosenberg

Montara residents and on and off-leash dog enthusiasts

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Gail Koza <gkkoza@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:53 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback; Carole Groom; David Canepa; Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Nicholas Calderon; Warren Slocum
Subject: I support SMC Parks Off-leash Pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff

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To Whom it may concern,

I am an El Granada resident and a dog owner. I am writing to voice my strong support for the 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. San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a great first step to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking, which has been common practice at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff-top for 50+ years.

It is important for dog owners to have designated natural areas that are not dog parks where we can walk their dogs off leash for better exercise and to enjoy the health benefits of being outside in natural surroundings. Having designated areas where off-leash dog walking is permitted should reduce off-leash dog activity in areas where it is not permitted. This will be an improvement for the community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Gail Koza

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From: [Amy Tezza](#)
To: [Nicholas Calderon](#); [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Don Horsley](#)
Subject: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 1:01:06 PM

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The Instagram account of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is claiming that San Mateo County “covered up” the seal attack that occurred in 2018. This is all preparatory to the Board meeting tomorrow.



Comments



redwoodjulia Who the hell videoed this and why didn't they stabbing



1d 1 like Reply



redwoodjulia @redwoodjulia Sorry that should've said stop it and that stab it. My fight or flight got away from me.



1d Reply



fitzgeraldmarinereserve @redwoodjulia It was photographed and videotaped by members of the public and they reported the killing to @sanmateocounty and officials with the county covered it up and refused to release any info about the attack.



1d 2 likes Reply



tezzaamy @fitzgeraldmarinereserve wrong. The people were prosecuted they paid fines and their dog was quarantined for six months



15m Reply



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There is a widespread social media campaign to block the off leash dog pilot at Pillar Point and this has been dredged up again even though it has nothing to do with the off leash dogs on the bluff top.

This dog was brought to Ross Cove with its owners and did not run down unaccompanied from the trails of Pillar Point Bluff.

Just an FYI. I imagine you are aware of this.

Amy Tezza
Moss Beach