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My name is Vladimir Rubashevsky. I reside at 1301 McKenzie Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024.

I visited the Hillview Baseball Field to see the impact of the program.

I was there on a Wednesday 10/6 around 3 pm. So there were no off-leash dogs.

So my comments are limited to only the things I observed there.

1. I saw severely damaged grass in the Field.
2. There also were 2 sets of dog excrement in the field.
3. There were no park users.

In general do not think it is a good idea to do "unleashed dog hours" in any park with grassy areas because it will be destroyed as we can see at a Hillview Baseball Field and will severely damage the Park Use experience for the Human visitors who actually are paying for the Parks with their tax dollars and have all rights to enjoy them. And this damaged experience would exacerbate the non-dog owners' losses due to inability for the to use the Park during off-leash hours.

However just in case if for some reason the dog owners would be able to persuade the City Council that the dog owners somehow have more rights than the other taxpayers and as such should be able to take a common property (a Park) into exclusive use of

the smaller group and decide to establish a park with the off-leash hours in Los Altos, I want to say that the Baseball Field would be probably the best choice compared to other

parks because:

1. The area is predominantly a business area - so the park has little activity during the evening hours in comparison with other parks.
2. There are a couple residences on one side of the park and the rest is a business area.

The park is really large and in order to reduce to some extent the negative effect of barking noise to the residences the off-leash area can be restricted to a smaller strip on the opposite side of the Field.

3. Existing fencing and entrance from the business side makes the Field safer for residents.

4. There is another park in about 100' distance - so the Human users have a "replacement park"

to go during the off-leash hours - so loss of the Hillview Baseball Field to the dogs is not going

to be as painful as it would be if another park is converted.

5. There is plenty of parking nearby and the parking is on several sides of the Field - so the traffic congestion is not going to be as bad as in other parks.

Since the trial of this dog-park in the Field went sour, and because this is probably the

best candidate for this purpose

I strongly believe that the Counsel should put the dog-park issue to the rest and stop wasting the community's resources for further experiments.

Regards.

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