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To: [Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Parks & Recreation Commission Study Session Plans for Off-Leash Hours and Fenced-in Dog Park
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 5:08:14 PM

Chair Yeh and Commissioners, please see email below from resident Harry Guy, regarding PARC Agenda Item # 4: Dog Park/Off-leash Hours Proposal Update

Sincerely, Donna

From: Harry Guy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 4:25 PM
To: Donna Legge <dlegge@losaltosca.gov>
Cc: Manuel Hernandez <mhernandez@losaltosca.gov>
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To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members

If the PARC genuinely wants as much good quality input as they can get from the public on this topic, then I strongly urge you to reset your study session and review schedule. Properly done, the public should start receiving information about the planned study sessions at least two weeks (preferably more) in advance of the first session along with links or references that will help people study and prepare. Noticing should be made via all the City's social media methods, in the News & Announcements emails, the City Manager's Weekly Update, multiple "Agency" posts on [nextdoor.com](#) and notices in the Town Crier.

By cramming both study sessions into the same week, and doing it immediately following the holidays, PARC will be notifying the public of these sessions during the time when most of the public is focused on family, holiday events and holiday travel and not on city business. Some residents will just be returning from holiday travel when the study sessions are planned. Residents who are interested in the topic will not be able to do the kind of pre-study session homework of all the information in the record.

Also, I believe the PARC hasn't yet discussed in a public meeting any of the details of the structure, content and activity details for the study sessions; they have simply said they want to have two study sessions (1/8/20 and 1/11/20), with a PARC decision meeting planned for two days after the second study session. This is not a reasonable schedule or plan for reaching out to residents for thoughtful and useful input on this topic, and I urge the commission to review and revise their schedule and open discussions to prepare.

Respectfully,
Harry Guy
36-yr Los Altos Resident