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

Sincerely, Donna

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On page 11 the Report states “The Subcommittee Recommends an extremely inclusive process to encourage residents to provide input and their views regarding a dog park.” It is apparent that PARC does not agree with this statement since in the Recommendation section PARC is recommending having 2 workshops on January 8 and 10 as well as a meeting for final recommendation for the City Council on January 13, 2020. Just having a workshop in January is not indicative of an “extremely inclusive process”. It is indicative of a process that is already completed and decided. I recommend that the dates for the workshops be in February. This is sufficient time after the holidays to publicize the workshops to the City residents. In addition, the final recommendation meeting of PARC should be at least a week after the workshops to allow additional written input from interested parties.

Also, on page 11 the Report states: “The survey and previous public input indicate that there is a consensus to support a dog park...”. If this is the case, then what is the purpose of the workshops. Given the limitations of the survey and previous public input against a dog park, I am of the opinion that this statement is not correct and can not be supported or independently verifiable. It is, however, an indication of bias by PARC.

Moreover, on page 11 the Report states: “PARC and Subcommittee believe that providing ... approximately 1 dog owner for every 2 square feet of park space is a useful and reasonable metric for any cost/benefit analysis park use for a dog park”. Where does this “belief” come from? How is this metric used in other cities that have such limited space as Los Altos with little park space for its citizens let alone for dogs. It appears to me PARC is reaching for any positive statement to support a dog park. Again, this statement is indicative of bias.

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John Reimann



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