

I wanted to address the dog park that is planned for Lincoln park. My five points are as follows:

* The three block long Lincoln Park borders the Foothill Expressway and serves as the entry way to the Village of Los Altos. We don't have homes and stores there for a reason and the park serves as a "green" welcoming backdrop for residents and visitors alike.

* Several years ago, the Syrian Christians dedicated a sculpture welcoming people to Los Altos. This sculpture would sit adjacent to the proposed dog park.

* The three churches along Lincoln Park have regular activity throughout the week besides very heavy attendance and parking at church services until early afternoon on Sunday. The Congregational Church has had regular after school programs and is now opening an after school program for 90 children to run Monday - Friday. Those churches regularly use Lincoln Park for activity for the after school programs as well as other programs on the weekends.

* We have lived in Los Altos for almost 40 years, and in old Los Altos for the past 34 years. Walking through Lincoln Park is a real pleasure. Earlier this week, I was walking home from shopping in Los Altos and there were 5 different people walking their dogs in Lincoln Park by the churches. Some were on the sidewalk and several were walking and playing in the grass. There were also 3 or 4 others, like me, who were just walking there as well. To me, that is a perfect mixed use activity for that one-block section of the park.

* There are two other dog parks within 2 miles - Cuesta Park and off San Antonio near El Camino. Keep Lincoln Park as a "green beltway" backdrop to the village and an "open" park that serves the greater good.

Thank you

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