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Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Donna Legge
Cc: Casey Richardson
Subject: Scanned signed Petitions opposing Off Leash Dog Hours at Heritage Oaks and Map
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Hi Donna,

The text below is a cover letter for the scanned petitions and map that I am emailing to you. Please include the cover letter as the first page for the Commissioners' packet.

Thank you so much for all your efforts on this. It is truly appreciated.

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[Redacted]	Yoval Bronicki	1081 St Joseph Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Nadar Bronicki	1081 St Joseph Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Nor Bronicki	1081 St Joseph Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Kimia Famili-Yadgar	1360 Carved Ct.	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Behrooz Yadgar	11	11	"	"	"
[Redacted]	Lisa Mirawin	1460 Holly Ave.	LA	Y	Y	Used to be
[Redacted]	Arian Mirawin	6	"	"	"	"
[Redacted]	Tsang-Ton Yang	1194 Payne Dr.	LA	Y	Y	No

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[Redacted]	Ruth A. McHenry	1395 McCluer	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Nan McHenry	1	CA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Dana Nohel	667 Orange Ave	CA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Tim, Pat	" "	CA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Gregory Ross	174 E Charleston St	CA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Aaron Alpaera	1605 Shore Ave	CA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Brian Abbott	1605 Sumer Ave	CA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	JAMES TODOSI	1262 N. HATHINGALE CT	CA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Susan Cummins	1262 N. HATHINGALE CT	CA	Y	Y	Y

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[Redacted]	LOWMEYER		LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Morgan Lane		LA	X	N	N
[Redacted]	Quang Nguyen	Burdette Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Kiana Arizans	Puma Way	LA	Y	N	Y
[Redacted]	Daniel Ayton	Granger Ave	LA	X	Y	N
[Redacted]	Jonathan Aharon	185 Granger Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	David Aharon	1825 Grange Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Ruth Buehr	Crescent Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Yeala Brunel	1881 St. Jughlan	LA	Y	Y	Y

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[Redacted]	MICHAEL CARENE	1855 FORSTADT AVENUE	LA	Y	N	NO
[Redacted]	Andrew Braun	1385 Mckenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	Sharah Brown	1385 McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	Alicia Branes	1688 Stevens Pl Unit B	LA	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	KAREN SHARAR	1385 MCKENZIE AVE	LA	Y	Y	yes
[Redacted]	David Hanson	1285 Mckenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Abigail Stucker	1370 Molonye	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Ryan Baher		LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	MADISON CARP	1370 MCKENZIE	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Dan Strauss	1385 MCKENZIE	LA	Y	Y	N

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[Redacted]	Xiomara	969 EICHLETT	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Inna	Lisa Ln	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	David	Lisa Ln.	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Mica	Galehurst Ave	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Gweta	Briarwood St	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Sarah	Cosmo Ct	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Maddy Vansky	Montclair way	LA	Y	Y	Yes
[Redacted]	Laura Jane	Attainment	LA	Y	N	Yes
[Redacted]	Kevin Hernandez	↓	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	ARTHUR OREN	TAPEVA AVE	LA	Y	N	Yes

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[Redacted]	James Williams	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Miclit Zornhorn	1963 (corner) Vassar Circle	MV	X	N	X
[Redacted]	Dev Zornhorn	- - -	MV	X	N	X
[Redacted]	JITRA DINGOYN	1250 HERITAGE	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Tony's Karabonov	1473 Miramonte Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Brian Salmore	1477 Bessie St / RD	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	CHRISTIAN WART	285 KILPATRICKS WAY	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Richard W. Wirt	1 285 Kilpatrick Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	SURETA TATA WIRT	1285 Richardson Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y

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[Redacted]	Manashe shahar	1335 MCKENZIE AVE	LA	Yes	Yes	NO
[Redacted]	Susan Stewart	20335 Cresta Cresta Cresta	South Orange	Yes	Yes	No
[Redacted]	Carol Lin	2226 Morse Ave	Sunnyvale	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Jinrid Ding	1250 Heritage Ct	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Allison S. Epler	1300 Holly Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Morgan Taylor-Conner	1300 Holly Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	A. Fischer	Cuesta.	FA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	D. Fischer	615 CUESTA DR	CA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	MANISH SARRIN	1287 FREMONT	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	Ann Schneider	910 Burgoyne Ave	LA	Y	Y	N

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[Redacted]	Anu Murthy	Mr. Views		N	Y	N
[Redacted]	Paul Smith	Los Altos	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Jessie B.	Los Altos	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Naomi Yu	1208 Green Oak Ln. Los Altos CA 94024	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Greg Takayama	1208 Green Oak Ln. Los Altos CA 94024	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Daniel Rubashvsky	1301 McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Laila Rubashvsky	1301 McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Iek Teng Wu	1071 Suffolk Way	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Jianchao Tang	1071 Suffolk Way	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Diana So	1380 Villa So.	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Krista Szynol	325 Chamisal Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y

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[Redacted]	SENOR SELAKUMAR	"	"	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	MARC Jankush	1070 Actman L	CA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	LISA WUHASZ	"	"	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Kosmina smerkov	1340 WILLOW	LA	yes	NO	NO
[Redacted]	emily KANSKY	1245 MARK LANE	CA	yes	NO	yes
[Redacted]	ANA PEREZ	535 ROY STREET, M	MV	yes	yes	NO
[Redacted]	Sasha bs	551 Robert Ct	SV	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	Richard Feldman	1159 Lisa Lane	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	MOISE NAHOVAI	969 EICHLEN DR.	MV	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	KARIN KRAK	969 EICHLEN DR	MV	Y	Y	NO

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[Redacted]	KEN FRAZER	7085 S. MANCINI ROAD	LA	N	N	Yes!
[Redacted]	GREG BAYAN	1575 Oakhurst Ave	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	RASHMI SINGH	1121 Russell Ave	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	GAURAV LAMBA	Same "	LA	Y	Y	Y
[Redacted]	D. Lubrich	1021 Suffolk Way	LA	NO	N	NO
[Redacted]	J. Zelenko	1896 Middleton Av	LA	Y	N	Y
[Redacted]	HERSCHE ZELENSKO	1896 Middleton Ave	LA	Y	N	Y
[Redacted]	Edam Zelenko	1896 Middleton Ave	LA	Y	N	Y

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[Redacted]	Minnie	1281 Eureka	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Lokesh	6604 El Camino Dr,	CA	Y	N	No
[Redacted]	Pooja	6604 El Camino Dr	CA	Y	N	No
[Redacted]	Arushi	6604 El Camino Dr	CA	Y	N	No
[Redacted]	Melan	635 Margrode Ave	CA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Byan	" "	CA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	MIRIAM UMEOLA	1343 MCKENZIE AVE	CA	Y	N	YES
[Redacted]	EMILIO UMEOLA	1343 MCKENZIE AVE	CA	Y	N	YES

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[Redacted]	Alex Shubman	1259 Heritage Ct	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Rita Shumaker	11 -	CA	Y	Y	N
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[Redacted]	Irena Testov	1928 Quya. Chaudron	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	SERGEY KAMENITSEV	545 CUSTON DR LOS ALTOS, CA 94024	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Miguelka Kamenitseva	345 QUESTA PK LOS ALTOS CA 94024	LA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Alesia Bezina	1631 Holet Ave Los Altos, CA	CA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Lev Bezina	1631 Holet Ave Los Altos, CA 94024	CA	Y	Y	No
[Redacted]	Virginia Carter wt	1085 Valley View Ct, Los Alto CA 94024	LA	Y	Y	Yes

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[Redacted]	Tom Rubashvsky	1301 McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	VLADIMIR RUBASHVSKY	1301 MCKENZIE AVE	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Catrina Rubashvsky	1301 McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Rinku Gupta	1120 Portland Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Abhishek Maheshwari	1120 Portland Ave	LA	Y	Y	N

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[Redacted]	FANGLI	1243 Ninglingale	LA	Yes	Yes	No

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[Redacted]	John Squire	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	N	Former
[Redacted]	MILLIE SAURE	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	N	FORMER
[Redacted]	STACY SHULT.	Affawood DR	CA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Gareth Smith	Faithwood	CA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	HEATHER LAUREN	Dalhurnt Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Jane Clayton	McKenzie Ave.	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	John Petro	McLaurie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N

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[Redacted]	MARTIN SANDOZ	MCKENZIE AVE	LA	Y	Y	NO
[Redacted]	PAMI ROLEY	1367 MCKENZIE AVE, LOS ALTOS	LIA	Y	N	YES
[Redacted]	ARVIND STAINI	MCKENZIE AVE	LA	Y	N	YES
[Redacted]	Betty Christopher	1300 Holly Ave	LA	Y	N	YES

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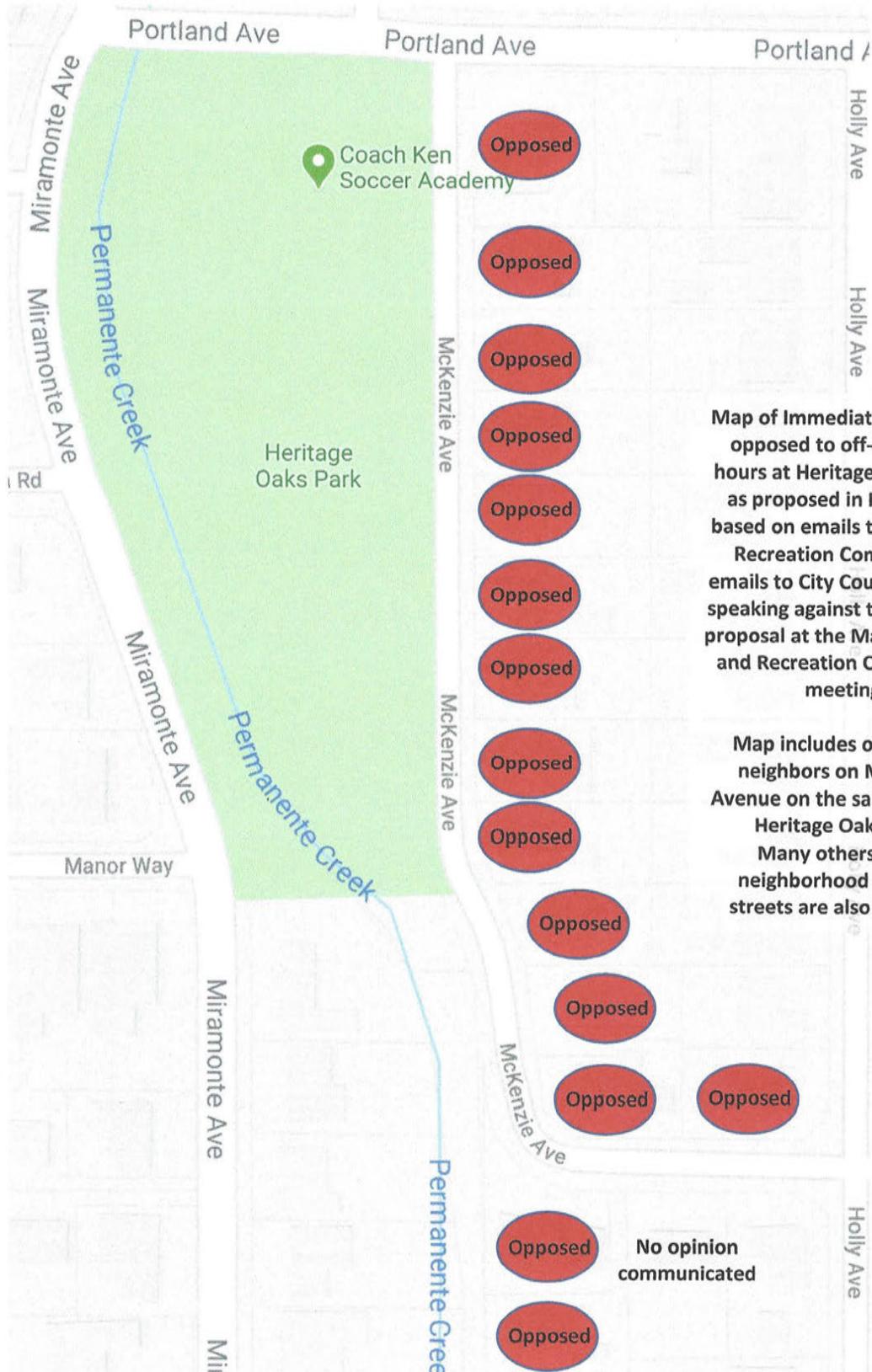
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[Redacted]	Sarah Agmon	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Eran Agmon	McKenzie Ave.	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Tomer Agmon	McKenzie Ave.	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Yotv Agmon	McKenzie Ave.	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	Gillie Roth	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	Julien Roth	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	N	N
[Redacted]	NOA GRADT	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N
[Redacted]	GOV SECHT	McKenzie Ave	LA	Y	Y	N

Opposition to Off-Leash Dog Hours Proposal at Heritage Oaks Park



Map of Immediate neighbors opposed to off-leash dog hours at Heritage Oaks Park, as proposed in May 2020, based on emails to Parks and Recreation Commission, emails to City Council, and/or speaking against the off-leash proposal at the May 20th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Map includes only those neighbors on McKenzie Avenue on the same block as Heritage Oaks Park. Many others in the neighborhood on other streets are also opposed.

Casey Richardson

From: L Roth [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:49 PM
To: Donna Legge; council@losaltos.gov
Subject: Dog Parks for Los Altos

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello -

I am sending you this note to let you know that I support the off-leash pilot program for dog parks in Los Altos. I am surprised that Los Altos cannot find a way to share green space with Dogs. There are a number of parks and fields in Los Altos that can be shared with dogs and dog owners that are currently not being shared and are not being used by others. Especially in light of the fact that schools are not currently open.

-Leah Roth
Los Altos Resident

Casey Richardson

From: Susan Kearney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Donna Legge
Subject: YES on Los Altos Off-leash Dog Park Pilot

Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission
Attn: Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Service Director
DLegge@losaltosca.gov
(650) 947-2889

Dear Ms. Legge,

On behalf of the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission, please accept this email **in support of an off-leash dog park pilot program**. I am a Los Altos resident who would very much like to see our city set aside hours during which dogs are permitted to be off-leash at designated public parks, e.g., Heritage Oaks Park and Hillview baseball field. Our family has walked our dogs the few blocks to Heritage Oaks Park for 20+ years and in my experience, most of the dogs there are been well-behaved. Their owners are extremely conscientious about picking up after them and controlling them around other park users and residents. Since the city started stricter enforcement at Heritage Oaks, a group of us dog owners who used to meet there now routinely drive to Mt. View parks to exercise our dogs. This not only takes unfair advantage of the goodwill of neighboring cities, it limits our children's dog walking and simultaneously defeats our environmental stewardship goals.

Los Altos has a population of 30,000+ residents, and according to animal control analyses*, 35% of its households have dogs. To my knowledge, despite having thousands of resident dogs, Los Altos does not allow off-leash dogs in a single public location. Not one. I know of no other way to socialize dogs properly than to allow them to interact off-leash. It seems to me that the city puts itself at risk of *increasing* its poorly socialized (fearful/aggressive) dog population, simply by not allowing times and places for off-leash play.

I understand that a small group of nearby Heritage Oaks Park neighbors strongly oppose off-leash hours at the park. I believe that the situations they fear—possible noise, parking and traffic disruption, student safety, park maintenance, occasional trespassing on residential property—already exist and, realistically, are consistent with the intended uses of a public park, including sports, community use and family gatherings. While we want to be sensitive to neighbors' concerns, it's important to keep in mind that parks are community spaces for the public at large, not extensions of private property for the few lucky enough to live nearby.

It's time for Los Altos to step up to its civic responsibilities and to do what surrounding cities and most American communities do, namely, make off-leash accommodations in public spaces for their dogs. Small cities and towns all over the country have figured out how to manage associated liability. It should not be a criminal offense, punishable by citations and hefty fines, simply to allow one's well-behaved dog to play off-leash in a designated park. I encourage the Parks & Recreation Commission to take into serious account the numerous Los Altos residents who own dogs and favor off-leash park hours and spaces for proper dog socialization.

Please vote Yes and recommend to the City Council that this pilot program move forward.

Respectfully,

Susan Kearney
1335 Sunrise Ct
Los Altos

*Cited in *Los Altos Town Crier*, 12 Feb 2020, "Workshops on Los Altos dog parks, off-leash hours set to begin."

Casey Richardson

From: Jessica Norris [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Donna Legge; City Council
Subject: Letter of support for the off-leash pilot program at Heritage Oaks Park

Dear Los Altos City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission,

I am writing to voice my support for the off-leash pilot program at Heritage Oaks Park and urge the Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the pilot proposal and for the City Council to vote in favor of it.

I have called Los Altos my home town since 1982. I attended Egan Junior High and graduated from Los Altos High School. I feel fortunate to be raising my children in Los Altos as my husband and I bought a home in south Los Altos in 2008 which we since sold, and moved to our current location on Dartmouth Lane.

Our current home backs up to Portland Ave and is across from Heritage Oaks Park (HOP). When we bought the house we were excited to be so close to a park with the two playground areas, a large field of green grass and a creek.

We were even more thrilled to be so close to HOP when we welcomed our first family dog, almost 5 ½ years ago. While we occasionally used the park before, we became daily users of HOP to exercise our dog. And with that, we met a diverse group of neighbors from various backgrounds and different ages who would meet regularly to exercise their dogs.

We befriended these neighbors we otherwise would not have met and formed a community that provides friendship and support for both the dogs and their owners.

As off-leash hours are now vigorously enforced at HOP, many Los Altos residents, including the group that used to meet at HOP are forced to go to Mountain View to use their parks for off-leash hours.

There are many benefits to a community in having off-leash hours. In addition to strengthening the community bond, research shows exercising a dog off leash is beneficial to the dog. Please see the following from <http://www.nycoffleash.com/html/FAQ.htm>: “*Scientific studies show that dog behavior when a dog is on-leash tends to be more aggressive, more territorial, and more anti-social towards people and other dogs. When dogs are allowed time off-leash, studies show that they are far more social towards people and other dogs, considerably less aggressive, bark less, bite less, and tend to have far less neurotic behavior than dogs who get no off-leash exercise.*”

With so many dog owners in Los Altos, it is unreasonable that dog owners cannot let dogs off leash in a designated area and share the park for a small amount of time. With the limited availability of park space in Los Altos, both dog owners and non-dog owners should be able to enjoy and share this scarce resource. A majority of towns that are similar to Los Altos, have successfully implemented an off-leash program or have a designated dog park.

I understand that some neighbors near HOP are objecting to the pilot program. While I do not know all the reasons, I believe that the current proposal is very reasonable and should address the valid concerns. I would like to add that if there is a concern about noise or traffic, I suspect that under the current proposal, there would be no more noise and there would be less traffic at HOP than that which occurs from the soccer practices and soccer games that are held at HOP. Furthermore, based on my observation from my close proximity to HOP, the park is rarely crowded during the week, which is when the off-leash hours would occur under the proposal. Finally, based on my experience of visiting many off-leash parks, owners that let their dogs off leash assume responsibility for their dog and are willing to uphold the rules and restrictions in place to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all dogs, owners and other park goers.

Please vote in favor of the off-leash pilot program at HOP and enrich and strengthen the Los Altos community even further.

Sincerely,

Jessica Norris
1000 Dartmouth Lane Los Altos

Timestamp	First and Last Name	Address	Email	Comments to the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission and Los Altos City Council:
8/25/2020 20:23:48	Jessica Norris	1000 Dartmouth Lane Los Altos, CA 94024	[REDACTED]	Please support the off-leash program!
8/30/2020 23:47:26	Jon Norris	1000 Dartmouth Lane Los Altos	[REDACTED]	Off-leash hours during the work week allows the park to be used by families during the weekend while providing an outlet for dogs to play off leash and a location in Los Altos for dog owners to socialize. [1]
8/26/2020 11:59:24	Susan Runowicz-Smith	1215 Portland Ave	[REDACTED]	We are in favor of off leash dog hours at Heritage Oaks Park. We are long time residents of the neighborhood and we find it odd that we cannot take our dogs here when so many other towns have great fenced dog parks. So sad for such an expensive community
8/26/2020 12:43:38	Jan Prahm	1025 Dartmouth Lane	[REDACTED]	We need to have dogs off leash hours from 8 am to 10 am with responsible dog owners who will all pick up after their dogs and will not let their dogs run wild. This exact program works well in other local cities and will also work for Heritage Oaks Park. We first moved here 50 years ago and was involved in the proposal and development of Heritage Oaks Park. We have had dogs for 50 years, socializing at Heritage Oaks Park without any incidents. We have made friends with all the neighbors across from the park, and hope and pray you will allow off leash at Heritage Oaks Park in the early morning. Responsible dog owners are the best example for this program as they have dogs who are under control and always clean up their deposits. Los Altos is a beautiful city, we pay high taxes, and we should not have to go a neighbor city for their off leash hours that have worked well for years there.
8/26/2020 13:07:14	Arundhati Shukla	1101 Buckingham drive, los Altos	[REDACTED]	Absolutely support this initiative and the pilot program at HOP. It is wonderful effort to build up community and foster new friendships. Dog owners are responsible about their pets and will be respectful of this privilege.
8/26/2020 13:26:08	Diana Sy	1231 Thurston Ave Los Altos	[REDACTED]	
8/26/2020 13:27:08	Matti Oikarinen	1231 Thurston Ave Los Altos	[REDACTED]	I support off leash hours. Thank you
8/26/2020 14:21:22	Lindy Latham	1456 Marborough Ct	[REDACTED]	Let's do this. Pets are part of our community and they need places to really run and play. I support off-leash dog hours at Heritage Oaks Park. It is the closest park to which we can walk our dog. Please recommend passage to the city council.
8/26/2020 14:41:41	Betsy Andrews Johnson	615 Nandell lane	[REDACTED]	
8/27/2020 13:02:05	Susan Kearney	1335 sunrise ct, los altos	[REDACTED]	
8/27/2020 14:37:04	Christine Seid	1017 Dartmouth Lane	[REDACTED]	
8/27/2020 14:37:26	Andrew Seid	1017 Dartmouth Lane	[REDACTED]	
8/27/2020 16:17:07	Kuljeet Kalkat	331 Quinhill Ave, Los Altos	[REDACTED]	
8/27/2020 21:04:09	Marlyn Armistead	2071 Huntington Lane, Los Altos	[REDACTED]	would love a fenced in dog area at Heritage Park
8/27/2020 21:45:37	Leah Roth	300 S. El Monte Ave. Los Altos CA 94022	[REDACTED]	I support the off leash pilot program.
8/28/2020 9:54:39	Christy Richardson	1630 Crestview Drive, Los Altos	[REDACTED]	
8/28/2020 18:52:11	Colleen McCallion	Runnymead Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024	[REDACTED]	
8/28/2020 20:38:32	Brett Baker	1379 Montclair Court	[REDACTED]	Please approve the off leash proposal!
8/29/2020 8:00:37	Julie McPherson	635 Palm Ave., Los Altos	[REDACTED]	Let's do this so doggies have a safe place to socialize off leash.
8/29/2020 10:56:41	Celeste Randolph	1155 Diamond Court Los Altos Ca 94024	[REDACTED]	We support off leash hours at our parks.
8/29/2020 10:57:48	James Randolph	1155 Diamond Court Los Altos Ca 94024	[REDACTED]	I support off leash hours at parks
8/29/2020 11:32:15	Mitsuko Tsuchiya	1542 Frontier ave. Los Altos, Ca 94024	[REDACTED]	Try for considering!!
8/30/2020 10:10:22	Kalie Boenigghausen	1089 Dartmouth In.	[REDACTED]	Los Altos
8/30/2020 10:23:49	Gloria Turner	1405 Montclair Place, Los Altos CA 94024	[REDACTED]	As a dog lover, I'd love to see dogs with a designated area to roam free and social with their friends!
8/30/2020 12:27:18	Scott Freeman	1395 Montclair Way, Los Altos	[REDACTED]	exercised and socialized dogs are well behaved dogs! Good way for residents to meet each other too!
8/30/2020 14:37:30	Ike Hsu	1275 Portland Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024	[REDACTED]	
8/31/2020 7:41:09	Katherine Butler	1197 Payne Drive Los Altos, CA 94024	[REDACTED]	

Timestamp	First and Last Name	Address	Email	Comments to the Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission and Los Altos City Council:
8/31/2020 8:18:42	Chris & Barbara Higgins	1194 Thurston Avenue	[REDACTED]	We strongly urge the Parks & recreation to approve the proposed off-leash pilot program at Heritage Oaks. Neighboring city councils understood the community "quality of life" benefits to providing off leash accommodations for their residents several years ago. Los Altos residents deserve the same. Thank you for serving on the Parks & Recreation & your commitment to this issue.
8/31/2020 9:51:46	Carlos Butler	1197 Payne drive Los Altos	[REDACTED]	
8/31/2020 10:19:12	Anling Hsu	1275 Portland Avenue Los Altos CA 94024	[REDACTED]	
8/31/2020 11:02:01	Jennifer Hefley	Terrace Drive	[REDACTED]	This is long overdue.
9/2/2020 10:47:38	Dorris Tyson	1345 Sunrise Ct	[REDACTED]	I think a dog park is needed. I think it should be fenced from the street and kept clean. But I think the city can support this at Heritage Oaks Park and other parks in the city.

Casey Richardson

From: Linda & Steve Folkman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:26 PM
To: City Council; Donna Legge
Subject: OFF-LEASH DOG PARK RESOLUTION NEEDED

Hello,

I am one of the many dog owners within the City of Los Altos and I am writing to you regarding the need for approved places where dogs and owners can meet. A number of months ago, the Parks and Recreation Department, acknowledging that there is a need for spaces where dogs can play, asked for community input and came up with recommendations, notably off leash hours at Hillview Baseball Field and Heritage Oaks Park. Since that time, the project has stalled.

Despite this, the need for areas where dogs can play is just as strong as ever- and maybe more so. With the pandemic, more people have welcomed dogs into their homes.

I'd like to highlight that the need for these spaces is not just for the dogs - it is for the humans too. All of the owners who gather each day have formed a community. In many cases, had we not had dogs, we would not have met. And now we have become not only neighbors, but friends. And we are friends who come from different backgrounds, ethnicities, countries, age demographics, career paths.... What we have in common are our dogs and a deep appreciation for being part of a community of friendly and kind people. This is a situation that we should all value and foster.

With all of this in mind, it is surprising to me that Los Altos has not already taken steps to implement the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation. Instead, what we have are threats of tickets if owners meet with their dogs, even during times when the fields are not in use. And for what? To keep fields sitting empty?

Our neighbors, Mountain View and Palo Alto have somehow managed to create dog friendly areas. Los Altos can do the same. In my view, the simplest approach is to move forward with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommendation. Let's give it a try-

Heritage Oaks and Hillview-
Off leash hours 8am (or 9)-10am and 5pm-7pm each day

As in most things, there needs to be a balance among those parties with an interest in these fields. If the Hillview field is needed for baseball, baseball will have priority during these afternoon hours, and the off-leash hours can be shifted to an earlier time in the afternoon.

I would appreciate a response to this email and support in resolving this issue. I would also welcome meeting with anyone involved in the decision making process.

With appreciation,
Linda Folkman