

From: [Pauline](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: off-leash pilot program and Coastal Development Permit
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:49:38 AM

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I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

From: [WILLIAM HARPER](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Cc: [WILLIAM HARPER](#)
Subject: off-leash pilot program
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 9:36:01 AM

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Planning Commission/Midcoast Community Council,

I am really at a loss to why your trying to stop a pilot program that was voted on 4-1 by our county Supervisors in support of the program. May of us wrote emails/letters in support of this program to the Supervisors and that is why they voted yes to allows the pilot program. This was the community of citizens that wanted this pilot and supported it and it was approved. Why is the planning commission and midcoast council trying to stop this?

I have lived here on the coast for 28 years, and often walk my dog off leash and have never had any issues with this activities. Many of my dog neighbors also do the same and see no problem with the pilot.

Please re-consider you stance on this pilot and under stand that its the people of this community that wanted this pilot.

Thanks,

Bill Harper
28 year coastside resident and dog owner.

From: aashstone@aol.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: support for off-leash pilots at Quarry and Pillar Point Blufftop
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:15:26 AM

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We are writing in support of the off-leash pilots at Quarry and Pillar Point Bluff-top. Since we added a Cavalier to our family over 5 years ago we have walked her daily in Quarry park and often at the Pillar Point Bluff-top. The trails are much enjoyed by respectful dog owners. This recreational activity is highly valued by the coastal community who are respectful stewards of the land.

We kindly urge you to grant the Coastal Development Permit to allow for the off-leash pilot program at these sites.

Sincerely,

Robert Kulda and Ann Ashley Stone

From: [Anne-Ly Crump-Garay](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: this is a copy of my note to the
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:53:40 AM

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Midcoast Community Council today:

I am a docent at FMR and I walk Pillar Point regularly.

I have had no trouble with the dogs walking there, nor have I seen dogs bothering any marine life. I am comfortable around them and mostly the owners are respectful and pick up their dog refuse.

I think a local area for dogs off-leash is a good idea.

I am in complete disagreement with Sabrina Brennan who once yelled at me at FMR for using my walking stick while at the Reserve - I have 2 metal knees and avoid falls. She took a video of me with my walking stick and put that up on you-tube, yelling all the time. She told me I should not be volunteering at all, that I am a menace to the tidepool animals. In fact, I am well trained, have volunteered for many years, very mindful of my walking there and enjoy interactions with young people who are experiencing the ocean, often for the first time. One asked me 'is this always here?' and another asked me 'is this free?'. How wonderful children are!

Dr. Anne-Ly Crump-Garay
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From: [Freda Hofland](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: comment re Pillar Point Bluff Coastal Development Permit
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:17:28 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners:

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

I do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,

Freda Hofland
27070 Sherlock Rd.
Los Altos Hills,
CA 94022

From: [Candice Cutler](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: "I support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff".
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:12:21 AM
Importance: High

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Midcoast Planning Department;

"I support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff".

Best,

Candice and Steve Gray
cell# (650)245-4090

From: [Fleur Byrdler](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: keep off leash parks in smc and especially on the Coast
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:17:17 PM

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[Halé Lynn Guerra](#)
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From: [Sharon Peterson](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: off leash dog pilot program
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:43:06 AM

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Dear members of the Midcoast Community Council,
I am not a dog owner, but i DO support the off leash program.
I walk there every day and have never seen a problem.
Thank You
Sharon Peterson
Grant Road
Montara

From: [BEVERLY GARRITY](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [BEVERLY GARRITY](#)
Subject: Yes to legal off-leash at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:40:40 PM

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- **I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.** The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture. I regularly walk my dog off-leash with discretion to any other people or dogs on the trails that may be dog shy or uncomfortable; or in areas that may present a danger to my dog (i.e., steep cliffs or other aggressive dogs).
- **The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.** For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.
- **Contrary to some claims, off-leash dogs are NOT running from Pillar Point Bluff down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach, where dogs are not allowed.** There is a 100+ foot cliff separating the Blufftop from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only.

Thank you,

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From: [Kit O'Doherty](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: YES to legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:27:50 PM

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I am writing in full support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Absent legal routes, dog owners are forced to go rogue to abide by the moral obligation to care for the dogs in their households' physical and behavioral needs. **The county cannot out of one side of its mouth expect the community to adopt stray and homeless animals from our county's shelter and then out of the other side of its mouth remove all routes for safe off-leash exercise that many dogs deteriorate without.**

The community has spoken. Your job is to put aside your personal opinions and act on what the community overwhelmingly supports. Members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.

Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive. As dog guardians many of us care deeply about the environment. We also care deeply about the dogs we didn't bring on to this planet, but given they are here we have a moral obligation to care properly for them. These two things can be balanced, it's not the either or situation some would like to suggest.

Please use your stewardship position to actually steward what the community wants and demonstrate public participation is not the farce that it is increasingly becoming in this county whereby the county hears from its constituents only to act in its own "internal county interests".

Thank you for your sincere consideration of this matter.

Kit O'Doherty
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From: [Todd Enders](#)
To: [Janneth Lujan](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Yes to off-leash dogs!
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:27:23 PM

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To the members of the SMC Planning Commission:

I strongly support the off-leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program at BOTH Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. The Pilot Program was carefully crafted by the SMC Parks Department in compliance with all State, County, and Local Coastal Program rules and policies. The Planning Commission should grant the Coastal Development Permit for this program.

Thank you,
Todd Enders
Taxpayer
Moss Beach

From: [Chelsea Hardaway](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Your Support for Pilot Program.
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:35:17 AM

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Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission and Midcoast Community Council,

I am writing to **kindly ask for your support of the off-leash trail pilot at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.**

Our group has been through YEARS to get *just this small pilot* approved. We have showed up at meetings. We have emailed. We have gathered signatures.

Last year, after years of begging for this small quality of life allowance, a pilot was approved to “test” what we have been doing all along — walking our dogs responsibly, cleaning up after them, and taking care of the trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs.

Now Sabrina Brennan has decided to throw a wrench in all that by dredging up a one-off unfortunate incident that happened years ago, outside our responsible Coastside Dog community. I don't know what her motives are, but you can tell by the way she is twisting this incident (pretending it's recent, posting it on the pillar point harbor social media pages) that her motives are sinister.

None of the dogs who walk on the bluffs go over the cliffs and down to the beaches. That cliff drop is extreme and dangerous! Instead, we have a small community of lifelong friends who show up and walk the same loop, day after day, picking up trash, picking up after their dogs, and sharing their lives as longtime Coastside residents.

All we are asking for is to have ONE or TWO PLACES in our county to exercise dogs responsibly off leash. If you let the pilot test go forward, I am certain you will see this is a no-harm, Coastside quality-of-life issue that keeps citizens (who were already doing it) happy. There are so many dog owners on the coast, even more after the pandemic, and we need a place we can recreate outdoors with our animal family members, the way they were intended to do.

I have a service dog. In order for him to perform his required activities, he needs to exercise adequately. That includes off leash exercise daily, which all the books say is the best way to raise a responsible, well-behaved, sociable dog. We've been doing this for the 20 years I've lived on the coast — and it's a huge part of WHY I live here. If off leash dog walking permission is removed, I can't stay.

Please don't fall prey to the whims of Sabrina Brennan. Please keep the coast

friendly to its own residents, and stand up for the rights of our four-legged family members.

Chelsea Hardaway

From: [julie lefevre](mailto:julie.lefevre)
To: [Planning Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Subject: Support for legal off-leash trails on the coastside
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:16:18 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to grant approval for a Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program at Pillar Point Blufftop and Quarry Park.

I have been walking my dogs at Quarry Park and the bluffs for more than 10 years; it has greatly benefited my quality of life and enhanced my dogs' physical health and socialization. These areas are gorgeous natural places and I do my best to keep them that way by always cleaning up after my dogs (and picking up others' trash and poo bags as well).

The community of responsible dog owners on the coastside has worked hard to develop a plan that works for everyone -- along with many others, I have attended planning meetings over the past several years to help this plan come to fruition.

I urge you to grant the Coastal Development Permit for the 12-month off-leash pilot program.

Julie Lefevre
El Granada

From: [Andy Narraway](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Support of off leash pilot program
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 11:42:48 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam.

I regularly walk my dog off leash at the southern side of Pacifica state beach where it is legal as it is not part of San Mateo county remit. I am writing to SUPPORT the CDP (PLN2021-00333) for 12 month off leash pilot to provide much needed off leash trails for dogs in San Mateo county. Currently there are ZERO off-leash areas for dogs to roam on the beach areas in SM county. Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. I have attended 3 of them. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. The off-leash pilot program is NOT expected to significantly increase park usage. Other Bay Area counties offer a wealth of off-leash dog walking trails and beaches for their residents to enjoy on their doorsteps—a more enticing option than navigating heavy weekend traffic. In addition, the reality is that the pilot's strict rules and two-dog limit will keep many dog owners away.

Andrew Narraway
Pacifica, CA

From: [Lynn Cookinham](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Thank you for supporting off leash dogs @ Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:13:06 AM

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We need local, legal off-leash trails for our 4 legged family members. Thank you for granting/supporting a Coastal Development Permit for our county park's 12-month off-leash pilot program!

Thank you for your consideration,
Lynn Cookinham
51 Precita Ave, Moss Beach

From: [Amy Jussel, Shaping Youth](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: We *Strongly* Support the Pillar Point Bluffs+ Quarry Park pilot program!
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:18:30 PM

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Dear SMC Planning Commission: As an avid dog park user and active community member of San Mateo, who is THRILLED at finally having the John Lee Dog Park open officially today...(after years of us all pleading for fixes and so very thankful to have this gorgeous, refurbished local home where we can all reunite happily and safely w/our pets outdoors, which has been key to us all during this pandemic) I can say that it's absolutely a smart, good will investment in our city/county to put forth more off leash areas to commune w/nature, the outdoors, and each other.

Study after study has cited the mental health stressors of the pandemic as people turn to their animal friends and outdoor outlets to eke out some form of normalcy and it is imperative to continue to support such a fabulous, well researched pilot project with the agreement of all stakeholders to increase access to these two parks in compliance with all for off leash use.

This land is zoned agricultural and not protected sensitive habitat..and oneof the reasons the multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group, after 5 years and 31 public meetings, recommended these particular trails (and the BOS agreed) is that there is NO access to the beach, ocean or Fitzgerald Marine Reserve near these trails. Nature has provided the perfect barrier, a cliff. Even the environmentalist on the Work Group, Jerry Hearn, an advisory board member of Green Foothills, promoted these off-leash trails at the Bluff (and Quarry Park) noting that they had less environmental impact than other SMC parks.

STRONGLY support this as a stakeholder in the off leash park community and responsible dog owners everywhere and applaud San Mateo city/county for recognizing the vast and essential need of companion animals and human convergence in these trying times requiring us to come together and take our joy as able. You've done a great job on the local level with listening to constituents at John Lee Dog Park, so hope you'll do the same for these two perfectly suitable land parcels for an ideal off leash region!

Keep up the good work,

Amy Jussel Bedard

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From: [Michael Kuehn](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Support for Off-Leash Pilot Plan- Quarry Park & Pillar Point / Coastal Development Permit/CDP
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:18:30 AM

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Dear Sirs,

I'm writing in support of granting the Coastal Development Permit, providing the much needed legal Off-Leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed over a multi year intensive as well as extensive public process.

Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group Committee meetings of which I participated personally in most of them.

The process has been led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multistakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking and other community representatives as well as the San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and Rangers.

Throughout this quite extensive process, members of the public, including myself, wrote many comments and showed up to every single Off-Leash pilot meeting to voice their support for Legal Off-Leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and the Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one of the meetings, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of Off-Leash dog walking at Pillar Point Bluff.

We would welcome this process concluding, allowing us residents the freedom to walk with our animal companions the designated Off-Leash trails.

Thanks in advance for your valuable understanding and support,
M. Kuehn

From: [Mary Beth Alexander](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Support for Off Leash Trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:58:14 PM

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Hi!

Just emailing to show my support for this. I love to walk my dog at these places and she is well trained and will return to me if I call her - even if another dog or animal/person is around.

Some dogs need lots of exercise and this is a great way to do it!! Otherwise I think my walk would last for hours! She stays near me either in front or behind, and she can smell what she wants and run back while I keep a continuous walking pace, so it is nice for me too!

Thanks for the work that you do, I know it isn't easy.

Mary Beth Alexander

Half Moon Bay Resident

From: [Kate Kostrzewa](mailto:Kate.Kostrzewa)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Support for Pilot Dog Program Bluffs & Quarry Park - please vote yes!
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 2:53:58 PM

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I support the pilot program. I have spoken with other dog walkers and we all support the program. I am also in agreement with the points below.

- **I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.** The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.
- **The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process.** Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.
- **Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive.** Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.
- **The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.** For decades, off-

leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.

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- **Contrary to some claims, the off-leash pilot program is NOT expected to significantly increase park usage.** Other Bay Area counties offer a wealth of off-leash dog walking trails and beaches for their residents to enjoy on their doorsteps—a more enticing option than navigating heavy weekend traffic. In addition, the reality is that the pilot's strict rules and two-dog limit will keep many dog owners away.

Very truly yours,

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From: [Jesse Wentworth](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Strong Opposition to Off-leash Dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:43:31 AM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to voice my **strong opposition** to off-leash dogs at the Pillar Point Bluffs. I am an occasional volunteer at that Pillar Point Bluffs via the Friends of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and have seen the disturbances that dogs can cause to wildlife when folks bring them in illegally. Additionally, as a seal sitter and surveyor, I've heard the stories of seal pup fatalities by dogs due to owners who are either careless or just ignorant of the problems that dogs can cause in a protected wildlife area.

Additionally, when I've seen folks with offleash dogs, these dogs often get dangerously close to the cliff's edge when they are not in control of their owners. As we know, there have been dog and human falls when the cliff crumbles or when someone misjudges the edge. It's not safe or fair to dogs to have them offleash in such a dangerous area.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is just that—a *reserve* where wildlife should continue to be protected and allowed to flourish in its natural habitat. While I am a dog lover myself, dogs can disrupt these natural spaces. I am also currently seeking my bachelor's degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation sciences and have learned just how detrimental invasive pet species can be to the overall ecology of wild spaces. Dogs are natural hunters and can disturb nesting sites for birds, seal pups (as mentioned earlier), and scare other wildlife in a way that disrupts their natural behavior patterns.

Lastly, from the perspective of someone who took the docent naturalist class—this is a place of education for the bay area's youth. Having invasive pets off-leash will disturb the habitats of these wildlife species which disrupts the education of children who come to experience this wildlife when they otherwise might not be able to.

Thanks for your time,
Jessica Wentworth
San Mateo County Resident
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Student
Birdwatcher
Dog Lover

From: [Jen Chen](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 4:31:06 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my full support for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash dog pilot program at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, and to urge you to grant a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333). Families, seniors, and others have walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program and dog walking rules were developed via a four-year, multi-stakeholder public process. Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff trails were selected for the pilot based on their long history of off-leash recreation, overwhelming public support for legal off-leash trails at these sites, and natural resource considerations. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest and Pillar Point Bluff is former agricultural/grazing land sandwiched between industrial Airport Street and a 150-foot cliff. A CEQA environmental review was completed for the pilot program, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan. As a result, no significant environmental impacts are expected from the off-leash pilot program. Moreover, San Mateo County Parks believes that providing some sanctioned off-leash access will not displace other recreational users. On February 9, I am asking that you please vote in support of a Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which has been approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Parks Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Chen

From: [Lois Machado](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Support dog parks
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:53:46 AM

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After attending many meetings to discuss this issue, I thought it was finally resolved. However, I see that once again there are some people who don't believe in this idea of off leash dog parks. As a registered voter in San Mateo County, I am in total agreement that you grant/support the Coastal Development Permit (CDP).

Lois Machado
104 Turnberry rd
Half Moon Bay
Sent from my iPad

From: [Gail Koza](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Support for Coastal Development Permit PLN2021-00333 for 12-month off-leash pilot program
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 2:51:17 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I am an El Granada resident and dog owner. I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

Sincerely,

Gail Koza
366 San Pedro Rd
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [WILLIAM HARPER](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Re: off-leash pilot program
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:51:39 AM

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On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 9:35 AM WILLIAM HARPER <ws.harper@comcast.net> wrote:
Planning Commission/Midcoast Community Council,

I am really at a loss to why your trying to stop a pilot program that was voted on 4-1 by our county Supervisors in support of the program. May of us wrote emails/letters in support of this program to the Supervisors and that is why they voted yes to allows the pilot program. This was the community of citizens that wanted this pilot and supported it and it was approved. Why is the planning commission and midcoast council trying to stop this?

I have lived here on the coast for 28 years, and often walk my dog off leash and have never had any issues with this activities. Many of my dog neighbors also do the same and see no problem with the pilot.

Please re-consider you stance on this pilot and under stand that its the people of this community that wanted this pilot.

Thanks,

Bill Harper
28 year coastside resident and dog owner.

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [julie lefevre](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); [MCC](#)
Subject: Re: Support for legal off-leash trails on the coastside
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 12:32:44 PM

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On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 7:16 AM julie lefevre <tenmillionmiles@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I am writing to urge you to grant approval for a Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program at Pillar Point Blufftop and Quarry Park.

I have been walking my dogs at Quarry Park and the bluffs for more than 10 years; it has greatly benefited my quality of life and enhanced my dogs' physical health and socialization. These areas are gorgeous natural places and I do my best to keep them that way by always cleaning up after my dogs (and picking up others' trash and poo bags as well).

The community of responsible dog owners on the coastside has worked hard to develop a plan that works for everyone -- along with many others, I have attended planning meetings over the past several years to help this plan come to fruition.

I urge you to grant the Coastal Development Permit for the 12-month off-leash pilot program.

Julie Lefevre
El Granada

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: [DV Lauritzen](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: San Mateo County Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 2:17:39 PM

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Dear Midcoast Community Council and Planning Commission,

Please support the pilot program to allow off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park.

Please do not let a few individuals persuade you into falsely thinking aggressive dogs are regularly running down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach or frequently attacking people on the trails.

The few people that have dogs with socialization and obedience challenges and currently let their dogs off leash are likely to continue in the absence of the pilot program. Leash laws punish responsible dog owners without any real benefit to the community.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dean Lauritzen

From: [Michelle Hogg](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:40:18 PM

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Dear SMC Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. As a 30-year coastsider and dog owner, I and my family have long enjoyed the variety of spaces available on the coastsider to walk our dogs off-leash. We are responsible dog owners who always pick up our dog's waste, as well as that of others who have left it behind. I walk in Quarry Park with my dogs weekly and frequent the bluff tops as well.

The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.

I encourage you to vote in support of continuing the 12 month pilot program.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hogg
462 Alameda Ave.
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

From: [Theresa Stern Valentic](mailto:Theresa.Stern.Valentic)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Statement to be read at Jan 26 meeting regarding Dog off-leash pilot study
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 12:38:06 AM

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I support the off leash pilot program at the Pillar Point Bluff Trail and Quarry Park. I have never experienced a problem with any dog and have used the Pillar Point Bluff Trail for twelve years. The off leash access has contributed to my dog's and entire family's well being since we purchased our home in Moss Beach. If someone breaks the law, it doesn't make sense to punish everyone for it by taking away privileges that responsible residents have enjoyed. Dogs have walked off leash for years with no negative affect to the environment and very few incidents. For those who don't want to be near dogs, they can use one of the remaining 90% of our parks in the county that don't allow dogs at all. Pillar Point Bluffs is a beautiful and peaceful trail. As responsible and conscientious dog owner's, we intend to keep it that way by respecting the county's guidelines for the pilot. Dogs have walked off leash at the Pillar Point Bluff Trail for over 50 years and it's the primary reason some of us love living here.

Thank you kindly,
Theresa Valentic

Sent from my iPad

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [keith mangold](#)
Cc: [MCC; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Off Leash Dogs at Pillar Point
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:01:14 PM

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On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 5:58 PM keith mangold <keith.mangold@gmail.com> wrote:

Problems with the proposed Pillar Point Bluff Off Leash Project.

1st – Off leash dogs are not physically prohibited from entering the beach, as occurred in 2018 when the seal pup was killed by the German Shepherd.

2nd – There is no timely or effective oversight or enforcement as evidenced by the numerous off leash dogs on the bluff top and beach on the average weekend. Additionally, the project does not specify resources for oversight or enforcement. In case of a dog attack, the nearest Park resource is frequently San Pedro Valley.

3rd – The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve requires more protection than it currently receives, not less. There should be a roving ranger that would be in the reserve during normal business hours and low tide, high use periods.

4th – The County record keeping for dog attacks on humans, dogs and wildlife is abysmal. The afore mentioned seal pup death does not even appear in the incident reports.

5th – There appears to be no predetermined criteria for shutting down the project. Criteria would presumably include attacks on birds, marine mammals, dogs, people, terrestrial mammals such as bobcats, foxes, weasels and coyotes and reptiles and amphibians including red legged frogs & SF Garter snakes).

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Keith Mangold
keith.mangold@gmail.com
650 773 4028

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council

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From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [Lisa Vittori](#)
Cc: [midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](#); [Planning Commission](#); [MCCGreggD@gmail.com](#); [lenericksonmcc@gmail.com](#); [michelleweilmcc@gmail.com](#); [daveolsonmcc@gmail.com](#); [JillGrant.MidcoastCC@gmail.com](#); [midcoastdan@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Re: Please support Off-Leash Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:59:12 PM

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On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 4:58 PM Lisa Vittori <lisavittori@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Midcoast Community Council members:

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program.

I have been walking my dogs (default assumption = off-leash) on those trails for more than 40 years, especially when I lived in in Pacifica, in Linda Mar. In general, local people have been walking their dogs at both sites as long as anyone can remember. They have also been walking their dogs in other places which are not included in this plan. From my perspective, this plan actually reduces legal off-leash accessible places.

San Mateo County has a real dearth of legal off-leash hiking trails. Many were eliminated 25 or 30 years ago (the "Dish" at Stanford, or the frontage trail along the watershed lands). Others have been acquired by either the GGNRA or the San Mateo County Park system. The county parks totally ban dogs, unlike most other county parks in the country. The GGNRA has been in a protracted legal fight for decades with regional dog-walkers. Every time dog-walking is reduced in a certain area, other places are forced to shoulder the load. Fort Funston, in particular, became noticeably more crowded when the trails in San Mateo County began banning dogs.

In general, this massive user group is under-served by their government representatives. It's a community that is remarkably egalitarian. Many of the users are elderly, and have been walking for 50 years; this is how they've remained so healthy. If you go to Fort Funston at 7 in the morning, the parking lot will be full of people older than 60 (I was

shocked the first time I saw this). Families go to the beach with their kids and their dogs and play. It seems to me that these are the kinds of healthy outdoor activities that our government should be supporting and promoting.

Thank you in advance for your vote of support.

Lisa Vittori
415-931-3075

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
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From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [James Lee](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); [MCC](#); [Lennie Roberts](#); [Janneth Lujan](#); [Gregg Dieguez](#); [Len Erickson](#); [Michelle Weil](#); [Dave Olson](#); [Jill Grant](#); [Dan Haggerty](#)
Subject: Re: Re. Proposed Coastal Development Permit for Off-leash Dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 2:27:06 PM

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On Mon, Jan 24, 2022 at 1:39 PM James Lee <jamesleerwc@gmail.com> wrote:
Jan. 24, 2022

Good afternoon members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission and the Midcoast Community Council,

I am born and raised in Redwood City and a frequent visitor to Pillar Point Bluff. I am also a coastal and nearshore ecologist with training and degrees in both marine science and environmental policy. I respectfully urge you to vote NO on the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff.

You may expect because of my background in marine ecology and policy that I am writing to you to ask you to protect wildlife and sensitive habitats by voting NO on the CDP. While I would like you to protect wildlife and sensitive habitats, out of consideration for your time I will limit my comments to maintaining maximum public access and public safety.

Re. maximum public access, and public safety:

Parks all across the nation, including in San Mateo County, suffer from racial disparities in access to and time spent in nature, which one might call a “nature gap.” A majority of park visitors are white and aging.[1][2] In a county like San Mateo County, where the majority of the population is no longer white, this means that most county residents are disproportionately underutilizing the stunning public spaces and coastal landscapes that they are entitled to. This disparity has been observed for decades but came under increased scrutiny during the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020, when videos of Black people being policed by white people in parks and other public spaces started going viral.

The work to transform nature and "the outdoors" into a space where all groups of people can belong and feel safe is unfinished and ongoing. Any debate about “maximum public access”

or public safety must also ask: “Maximum access and public safety for whom?” Underserved communities and historically (and currently) excluded minorities must be at the forefront of that conversation.

So where do these racial disparities, or nature gaps, fit in with off-leash dogs? Dog owners who advocate for off-leash privileges in sensitive habitats and on stunning coastal trails like those found at Pillar Point Bluff are like the average park user: disproportionately white and aging. Meanwhile, sociological studies have found that by reinforcing white, middle-class style relationships with the outdoors and with nature, white residents use dogs “to maintain interracial boundaries and feelings of safety” (Mayorga-Gallo, 2018).[3] Indeed, white people have a long and unsavory history in the United States of using dogs to enforce control over Black people.[4][5] In light of this information our nation's historical, cultural contexts, it's not surprising that when a Black activist on Twitter polled both white and Black dog owners, the data showed that white respondents overwhelmingly welcomed behavior from dogs that Black respondents would not tolerate or allow.[6]

Let's not forget that when Amy Cooper, a white woman, made headline news around the world for calling the police on Christian Cooper, a Black man who was birdwatching, she did so because she threatened Christian with police violence after *he had asked her to keep better control of her dog within the park space they were both using*. [7] Because this incident involved a white dog owner threatening a Black man with police action just because she was told by him to properly control her dog, both dog owners and Black, Indigenous and Other People of Color (BIPOC) were forced to think about how they use public space, and to have tough conversations about who has true, maximum access to these spaces and who doesn't, and who feels safe in those spaces and who doesn't.[8] Scientists of color, including myself, who have similarly been policed by white dog owners and other white people in parks and other public spaces while conducting research for academic institutions, also weighed in on the concept of public access and feelings of safety,[9] as did LGBTQ+ folks whose own interactions with dog owners in parks left them feeling unsafe.[10]

It is critical to understand that “maximum public access” and “public safety” does not mean reinforcing the cultural norms and interactional relationships with nature that belong to a select demographic of an already overrepresented group in San Mateo County. There are many of us who aren't white and aging; who don't possess the sort of cultural desire to bring partner animals with us wherever we go regardless of who else in the community we might inconvenience or make feel unsafe; or who simply don't have the same overwhelmingly positive attachments to dogs as a select overrepresented few. We also have the right to enjoy this one coastal spot without having to worry about the presence of off-leash dogs. In fact, in the absence of 24/7 monitoring from county park rangers, many of us already worry at Pillar Point Bluff about what will happen to us and our safety if we ask dog owners to comply with rules that exist already, and which they are breaking.

County residents see our furry friends all the time: on our sidewalks, in our apartment buildings, at outdoor cafes, outside grocery stores, and in plenty of other already existing parks. We don't need to create more spaces on the Coastside that make those who already less likely to feel welcome in such public spaces to shy away from them. Far more people than just white, middle-class dog owners deserve maximum public access to stunning coastal trails and ocean views.

Because of these considerations for maximum public access and public safety, and because

of the threat posed by off-leash dogs to wildlife and sensitive habitat, I respectfully urge you to vote NO on the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff.

Thank you,

James Lee
720 Warren St
Redwood City, CA 94062

- [1] [Why Are Our Parks So White? \(New York Times\)](#)
- [2] [Our National Parks Belong to Everyone. So Why Are They So White? \(Grist\)](#)
- [3] [Whose Best Friend? Dogs and Racial Boundary Maintenance in a Multiracial Neighborhood](#)
- [4] [Attack Dogs and the History of Racial Violence](#)
- [5] [Police Still Use Attack Dogs on Black Americans \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [6] [“Dog Gate” — The Divide Between Liberal White People & Black People](#)
- [7] [Amy Cooper, White Woman Who Called the Cops on Black Bird-Watcher in NYC, Has Been Charged](#)
- [8] [An Open Letter From Black America to White People’s Pets](#)
- [9] [Whose Space? Our Space \(University of Washington\)](#)
- [10] [Black Lives Matter: How White People’s Choices in Dog Ownership Perpetuate Racism and Violence](#)

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From: [Sean Handel](#)
To: [JILL GRANT](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Re: Off-Leash Pilot Program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:01:33 AM

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Thanks for sharing that detail, Jill.

In my experience, #3 and #5 is where we can expect to see massive non-compliance based on past behavior.

Regarding #3, very few owners have actual voice control over their dogs. If we wanted a way to enforce this, then perhaps require some type of "licensing" that indicates the owner/dog have gone through training and can demonstrate that they can do this. If that's not required, then owners who have not trained their dogs will likely just claim that they have control and there's no recourse to correct unless a ranger is present.

Regarding #5, there does seem to be an overwhelming approach from many dog owners that assumes that everyone else is ok with their dogs coming up to/running toward them, sniffing, jumping, etc. Aggression is hard to define. A dog owner who thinks their own dog is friendly is not necessarily thinking about the six year old child's perspective if a large dog is running toward them. Not everyone loves dogs jumping on them. This is not self-regulatable, in my opinion, because there is no baseline shared set of expectations about what is aggressive behavior. In my opinion, no dog should ever approach a stranger unleashed. I'm sure everyone wouldn't agree with that. And thus this is unworkable.

Sean

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 9:36 AM JILL GRANT <jillgrant.midcoastcc@gmail.com> wrote:

If approved, will the pilot program have similar rules as Pt. Isabel (listed below)?

Special Rules for Dogs at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline

Dogs may be taken off leash at Pt. Isabel Regional Shoreline. Any person allowing their animal to be off leash must:

1. Keep dogs on leash in parking lots and on streets.
2. Carry a leash (six-foot maximum).
3. Keep their dog or other animal under voice control and within sight at all times.
4. Clean up feces deposited by their dog or other animal and place it in provided and marked containers or garbage cans.
5. Immediately leash any dog or other animal showing aggressiveness toward people or other dogs or animals.
6. Prevent dogs or other animals from digging or damaging park resources.

Any person who walks or exercises a dog or dogs for a fee or who walks more than three (3) personal dogs must obtain and have in their possession a revokable annual permit. Call (510) 690-6508 for information.

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022, 8:08 AM Sean Handel <shandel@gmail.com> wrote:

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I believe that allowing dogs to run off leash interferes with all other forms of recreation. And even with the good intentions of some dog owners, most dogs are not trained enough to be in voice control.

Sean Handel
Half Moon Bay, CA

From: [JILL GRANT](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Sean Handel](#)
Subject: Re: Off-Leash Pilot Program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:37:03 AM

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Half Moon Bay, CA

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: pjmcc1234@gmail.com
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); [MCC](#)
Subject: Re: Off-Leash Pilot Program - Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop, San Mateo County
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 1:39:44 PM

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 9:33 AM pjmcc1234@gmail.com <pjmcc1234@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I own 3 dogs .

This matter reeks of white privilege, a visible rich white group requesting special privileges from the government . GET WOKE !

All people with their dogs on leash are already able to use most if not all outdoor County public spaces - there should not be any special privileges granted for public property use !

Due process is hard to stop/ignore - though providing tax payers services to investigate the request of "special" interest groups is completely out of order.

Nonetheless y'all have agreed to utilize tax dollars and time to address the matter - at the very least , the first step that should have been taken in the consideration process and before this item became a public tax payers issue,

is that y'all should have requested of the off leash group, **a complete on site/in zone testing demonstration of the rules and regulations proposed** - has the aforementioned demonstration ever been done ? If not, get on it !

Dont wait until the s**t hits the fan , where someone or some dog is seriously injured or worse on public property I see this as a lawsuit waiting to happen.

If the matter is approved, who is going to regulate and or enforce the rules and regulations, and at what cost to the taxpayers , where are funds coming from etc... ?

There are too many unknowns at this time to approve this matter - or don't approve based on what is already known from the County's/Coasts' recently failed off leash pilot project - Taser anyone ?

Regards,

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 10:02 AM pjmcc1234@gmail.com <pjmcc1234@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am one of the founding members of the original though recently defunct **Montara Dog Group/Pack** - members were made of a large group of local coastside residents and more specifically , dog owners of Montara and Moss Beach.

Our group was the first on the Coast (approx 10 years ago) to partner with a state agency, the **GGNRA**, on an off leash pilot program - it failed miserably (2012 off leash dog walker/ Park Ranger tasing incident at Rancho Corral, Montara).

Note ; Coastside Dog is now advocating off-leash pilot programs using Montara Dogs exact /previously failed off leash pilot program.

It was determined by the Montara Dog group that advocating for off leash areas or zones was and remains a terrible idea - for far too many reasons to list if I was to keep your attention.

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Due to my position in life I am not legally able to, for many reasons, speak publicly on matters, nor am I socially active on-line or other. Though I am permitted to share my views in a private setting with Government agencies/officials.

Please contact me directly if you would like to learn more, the truth surrounding off-leash programs , and the many reasons behind why they should never be permitted/legalized in any setting.

Regards,
Paul McCormack.

Thank you for contacting the MCC about this topic, which will be on the agenda for the January 26 meeting.

If you do not intend to speak at the meeting and would like your written comments cited at the meeting, please indicate that, but time may limit the ability to read letters verbatim.

Please consider sending your comments to the San Mateo County Planning Commission as well, if you have not already done so.

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: pjmcc1234@gmail.com
To: [Planning Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Planning_Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Subject: Re: Off-Leash Pilot Program - Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop, San Mateo County
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:33:45 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I own 3 dogs .

This matter reeks of white privilege, a visible rich white group requesting special privileges from the government . GET WOKE !
All people with their dogs on leash are already able to use most if not all outdoor County public spaces - there should not be any special privileges granted for public property use !

Due process is hard to stop/ignore - though providing tax payers services to investigate the request of "special" interest groups is completely out of order.

Nonetheless y'all have agreed to utilize tax dollars and time to address the matter - at the very least , the first step that should have been taken in the consideration process and before this item became a public tax payers issue,

is that y'all should have requested of the off leash group, **a complete on site/in zone testing demonstration of the rules and regulations proposed** - has the aforementioned demonstration ever been done ? If not, get on it !

Dont wait until the s**t hits the fan , where someone or some dog is seriously injured or worse on public property I see this as a lawsuit waiting to happen.

If the matter is approved, who is going to regulate and or enforce the rules and regulations, and at what cost to the taxpayers , where are funds coming from etc... ?

There are too many unknowns at this time to approve this matter - or don't approve based on what is already known from the County's/Coasts' recently failed off leash pilot project - Taser anyone ?

Regards,

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 10:02 AM pjmcc1234@gmail.com <pjmcc1234@gmail.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am one of the founding members of the original though recently defunct **Montara Dog Group/Pack** - members were made of a large group_of local coastside residents and more specifically , dog owners of Montara and Moss Beach.

Our group was the first on the Coast (approx 10 years ago) to partner with a state agency, the **GGNRA**, on an off leash pilot program - it failed miserably (2012 off leash dog walker/ Park Ranger tasing incident at Rancho Corral, Montara).

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Regards,
Paul McCormack.

From: [Tim Costello](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support the off leash pilot project on the pillar point bluffs
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:12:27 AM

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Greetings,

My Name is Tim Costello, I've lived here on the coast since 1980.

I've seen a lot of changes over this time and I've also seen restrictive access to certain areas. My whole life I've owned dogs that really are more like family members. Like any family member we want to do what is best for them and their health.

Running along the bluff was something we always did and gave our pets the opportunity to get some good exercise as well as good socializing which are two things they, like their human counterparts, need.

I know there have been incidents but I don't think that is a good representation of the vast majority of pet owners. To use the same analogy that would be like saying all people that drive cars are bad drivers. It is an impossible assumption to make, I do feel the vast majority of owners are responsible.

Like we see in other counties I would like to see an area on the coast where we can run free, it is not out of the ordinary and I have seen it in other counties as well as other states.

In short, please support the off leash pilot project on the pillar point bluffs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tim Costello
Half Moon Bay, CA

From: [Lori Rhodes](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Please vote to allow Off-Leash Dog Trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:58:16 AM

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Hi,

I'm a 30 year resident on the San Mateo Coastside. I have had dogs that entire time, and walk my dogs daily on the coast. I am an active member of Coastside Dogs, and have attended meetings regarding dog walking on the coast for many years. I actively take care of dog waste containers in the GGNRA National Park.

I am a responsible dog owner. All of my dogs have extensive training and respond to voice commands. I remove dog waste (mine and others) while walking on the trails. In my 30 years of walking dogs on the coast, I have had very few negative experiences.

Usually, dogs off-leash get along much better than dogs on-leash. They don't feel as defensive or trapped as they do on leash. It also gives them the opportunity to get exercise and provide a nicer experience for the dog walker. I feel a dog walked off leash becomes a better canine citizen, is happier, and probably get walked more often.

The San Mateo Coast has a history of being a fabulous outdoor recreation area, and has lots of dog lovers. People have been walking dogs here off leash for at least 50 years; safely and responsibly.

Please vote to allow Off-Leash Dog Trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop.

Thank you,

Lori Rhodes Morris
650-678-0242

From: [Nancy Sekerak](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Quarry and bluff dog meeting
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 10:21:43 AM

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I attended the Mcc zoom meeting on the off leash. Dog hating people are just plain crazy and it's hard to deal with crazy. I couldn't take it after a bit.

Can I suggest, educate these fearful, crazy dog people. The council lady whose daughter screamed when dogs approach is a prime example. You need a big sign for her explaining what to do if a dog approaches, how dogs are like children and they are afraid too. 2 big signs of the do's and do nots for dog handlers and non dog people. Hopefully would help. These 2 groups need to just get along already and move onto something more serious. The land, people and dogs will be fine if they all just respect each other and realize compromise works for the MAJORITY.

From: [Kirk Kloepfer](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: RE: off leash dog trails
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:30:31 AM

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To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. I am a homeowner and taxpayer in San Mateo county. Specifically Montara. I would encourage the passing of this permit.

Thank you

Kirk Kloepfer

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Kirk Kloepfer

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Don't worry, be happy.

From: shelly.smith
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off-leash dog pilot at Pillar Point and grant permit
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:28:53 PM

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Hi Mid-Coast Council and SMC planning,

While our 17 year old dog passed away in February, she and her family enjoyed walking on Pillar Point bluffs for many years, as did our previous doggy for many years before that.

Please grant the permit needed to continue with the off-leash dog pilot that has been approved through many stages of public hearings already. A few places on the coast should remain for allowing dogs off leash under voice control.

Thank you for your support,
Shelly Smith
Montara, CA

From: john.skerry
To: [Planning Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Subject: Please support off leash pilot on Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:01:53 PM

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Dear members of Midcoast Community Council and Planning commission,

My name is John Skerry. I am writing to urge you to support the off leash pilot on Pillar Point Bluffs.

My family and I have been very blessed to have lived on the coast for 23 years now. We have always owned multiple dogs and have walked all over the coastside with our dogs, sometimes on leash and sometimes off leash, without much problems and/or issues with other fellow coastsidiers.

Dogs, to be mentally and physically healthy and well adjusted, have to have the chance to exercise... run, play, swim, catch balls, as well as socialize with other dogs and people. To always keep them leashed up would be a disaster for them to thrive and develop positively as our trusted companions and family members.

Do the right thing and support this off leash pilot that has been approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as well as by the San Mateo County Parks.

Thanks,
John Skerry

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From: [nic and john skerry](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support the off leash pilot on Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:45:54 AM

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Dear Planning Commission members,

My name is Nicole Skerry, and my family and I have lived in El Granada for 23 years. We have always had a few dogs as members of our family, and have fostered dogs from time to time for rescue groups such as Muttville and Family Dog Rescue. Throughout our life here on the coast side, we have always walked our various dogs on leash as well as off leash on Pillar Point Bluffs without issues with other users of the bluff top...using common sense and mutual respects.

For the following reasons please support this off leash pilot:

1. San Mateo County Parks has spent over five years working with dog owners, community members, equestrians and environmental groups to come up with a pilot program to monitor the impact of off leash dogs on Pillar Point Bluffs.
2. As you may know, off leash dog walking has been practiced safely for decades on the bluff and only relatively recently has been restricted.
3. Surrounding county park systems have many off leash areas, San Mateo county parks have none and allows dogs on leash only on 8% of its trails.
4. This pilot project has passed extensive environmental review and includes clear demarcation of which trails are okay for off leash dogs and which aren't. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others who walk the bluffs without dogs or who keep their dogs on leash.
5. This plan was approved by San Mateo County Parks and the San Mateo Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your support,
Nicole Skerry

From: [Amy Shaw](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: Please support the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluffs & Quarry Park!!!
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:12:16 PM

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To the members of the SMC Planning Commission:

I strongly support the off-leash dog recreation Pilot Program at both Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. The Pilot Program was carefully crafted by the SMC Parks Department in compliance with all State, County, and Local Coastal Program rules and policies. The Planning Commission should grant the Coastal Development Permit for this program.

The Pilot Program is a result of months and months of careful planning done by the SMC Dog Work Group -- a diverse group of representatives in our county. Please don't throw away their good work and stop two desperately needed parks from going to off-leash dog use!!! San Mateo County woefully underrepresents dog owners - a growing group in our community that needs options to take our dogs off-leash. Less than 10% of county parks are open to dogs - even just for leashed access. This percentage is significantly lower than nearby counties in Marin and the East Bay. Marin has 64% of their trails open to dogs; Santa Clara 79%, and the East Bay 91%.

With the pandemic, dog ownership has only increased in our area. If dog owners do not have a place to take their dogs off-leash, then there will be an increasing burden placed on existing dog parks and city parks which do not have the capacity to safely support the growing number of dogs in our county. The Dog Work Group, which was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, identified Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff trails (both parks!) after extensive research, review, and discussion. I think we should follow their recommendations. It should be noted that the Board of Supervisors voted in favor of the Pilot Program at both of these parks by a 4 to 1 margin.

Additionally, there is a long history of owners using these two parks for off-leash dog access for many years. If we provide the 1.8 miles of trails on the Bluffs, we will also reduce the dog activity on other more sensitive parts of the Bluffs. The Pilot Program includes entry fencing and additional signage clearly delineating where off-leash dogs are not permitted, and there is NO access to the beach, ocean, or Fitzgerald Marine Reserve near these trails. This Pilot Program is well designed, giving dog owners a place to take their dogs considerably far from the beach and sensitive habitat. Nature has provided the perfect barrier, a cliff. Even the environmentalist on the Dog Work Group, Jerry Hearn, an advisory board member of Green Foothills, promoted these off-leash trails at the Bluff (and Quarry Park) noting that they had less environmental impact than other SMC parks.

Thank you for listening to my position on this matter and for supporting the Pilot Program at both County Parks: Quarry Point and Pillar Point Bluffs.

Amy Shaw
amy@amyeshaw.com

From: [Leslie OBrien](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 8:04:55 AM

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As a resident of Seal Cove (22 years) I wish to express my support for the pilot program. I am a former dog owner and current trail walker, I believe this type of pilot will adequately be able to measure the risk/benefit of an off-leash policy on the coastside.

Sincerely,
Leslie O'Brien
75 Precita Ave.
Moss Beach, CA 94038

From: [Margaret Stringer](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 10:44:41 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing you to request that you support the pilot project allowing the walking of dogs off leash at Pillar Point Bluff. I enjoy walking my dog up on the Bluff immensely. He too enjoys the open space. There are so few places we pet owners can walk our dogs, let alone off leash. In my years walking up there I have never seen any negative incidents involving dogs, and have never seen any wildlife or fauna harmed by dogs walking off leash. Allowing this pilot project will allow authorities to better evaluate the positives and negatives of allowing off leash dog walking. Please don't cancel this project on the false or exaggerated assertions of one or two people.

Thank you
Margaret Stringer
Pacifica, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: [Betsy Daly-Caffell](mailto:Betsy.Daly-Caffell)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:13:05 PM

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Dear members of the Midcoast Community Council,

I am a dog owner in support of the Pillar Point Bluff Off-Leash Pilot program. I live in the Seal Cove neighborhood and walk my dog in the Pillar Point Bluffs Park daily.

I am wondering why there is an agenda item on this pilot program as the MCC is an advisory to the County Board of Supervisors. The supervisors have already voted their approval of this pilot, so why is this even on the table for discussion? The reason is because there is a vicious campaign to cause confusion and influence the passage of this pilot.

Prior to this meeting there has been a growing campaign of misinformation to intentionally cause confusion of past events that have happened on the Pillar Point Bluffs. I want to clarify these topics which are based on my interviews of witnesses, and also documented reports by officials listed below.

There has been a smear campaign to confuse people by representing the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and the Pillar Point Bluff-top parks as the same park. They are not.

There was a seal attack in 2018 in the Marine Fitzgerald Reserve by the dog Luna. Unfortunately the dog killed the seal on the reef just north of Ross Cove, in the Reserve. This was a terrible event and of course we want to protect all marine life, but this really has nothing to do with the pilot as these are two different parks. The trail for off-leash is not near any of the beach access trails to the marine reserve below. The opposing campaign is causing confusion with the idea that dogs pose a threat to the beach and reef below. They do not. Luna was with it's owners who were laying on the beach with their two dogs at Ross Cove. The dog Luna wandered away when the attack happened. The dog DID NOT RUN FROM THE TOP OF THE BLUFFS as some have claimed. There are court documents, pictures, and videos by witnesses that saw the event, including Rob a county park ranger. It is a sheer cliff of about 80-90 feet high where this happened and if you were to walk the bluffs you would see it is impossible to get to the beach below. This was a one time event, and by having designated trails, this should provide additional protection to beach in the Reserve.

There are claims dogs attack and bite people, and kill seals and federally protected wildlife. As you are aware, there is an environmental report of the Bluff-top park, and it has stated that no endangered species would be affected by dogs on the off-leash trails. None of the trails are near sensitive areas, so dogs are of no danger to them. There are the ponds located in the Seal Cove neighborhood, which are a sensitive habitat, but they are not near the purposed off-leash trails of the Bluff-top park. For the seasonal ponds, the Bluff-top park would erect fencing and signs to prevent dogs from entering these areas. I have lived in this neighborhood for over 31 years and could never get to these ponds because of the heavy brush and difficult terrain. The ponds are located between Madrone Ave. and Bernal Ave. (north pond), and the second pond is just south of the first pond near Bernal and is located in the Bluff-top park territory. You can refer to Google maps to see their locations.

There are claims off-leash dogs bite people. Let's not be melodramatic, dog bites are extremely rare and the vast majority of interactions are peaceful.

There is a false account of an incident that happened just before Christmas in 2018 between a jogger with his two off-leash dogs with an older couple. This event was documented by the sheriff and paramedic departments and the information is of public record. In summary, the jogger, a very good friend of mine, who is a retired Chief Paramedic and former Battalion Chief, was attacked with pepper spray by the older couple while jogging with his dogs. They run in the park frequently. The dogs were in front of the jogger, and the older man kicked one of his dogs as it was running by, and the jogger stopped and asked, "Hey, why did you do that?". Unprovoked, the couple attacked the jogger with pepper spray, and the jogger defended himself. There is a video recorded by a woman who was short and heavysset with dark hair as stated by the jogger. The video was recorded when the attack was in process, and the woman recording did not see the beginning of the altercation. Another person came upon the incident and claimed they witnessed the altercation, but the jogger had already left the scene and was being interviewed by police and treated by paramedics for the injuries to his eyes and scalp. A second witness (who was with our evening walking group), was at the site of the attack when the older couple were there. Someone has claimed to be the video recorder, but they actually arrived after the second witness, so how is it "this someone" saw the attack? I was on the bluffs that day at 4pm, where I meet with friends everyday at the same time for our evening walk. We meet at the park entrance at Bernal Ave. and Alvarado Ave. We heard the commotion of the altercation, and we could only hear a woman screaming F___ this and F___ that (there were at least 6 witnesses who heard this and two of the group went to investigate). The woman sounded hysterical, but not threatened, because it sounded like a personal dispute. I spoke to the jogger about an hour after this incident as I know him to be a very

reasonable, kind, and a good guy. Also, it was the jogger who called the police and he chose not to press charges against the older couple. You have also received the jogger's statement.

I don't understand all the hatred of dogs on the bluffs by a small minority. If those people are upset about it, they can walk at the Marine Fitzgerald Reserve that is only a 10-15 minute walk from the Bluff-top Park. The Reserve doesn't allow dogs at all.

The majority of the population in San Mateo County, want to have access to off-leash. The Bluff-top park was many years ago a cow pasture (it is by no means a pristine habitat), and people have been walking dogs in this area for over 40+ years. I agree that seals on the beach need to be protected, but dogs are not a threat to sea life if they are walking on the proposed off-leash trails. You can easily verify this by walking the trails to see for yourself. The pilot states that protected areas will have signage and fencing to keep dogs out.

This pilot is for one year. This is not for the approval of allowing off-leash as a permanent ruling yet. It's just a pilot. This is for Pillar Point Bluffs and not for the Marine Fitzgerald Reserve. These are two different parks and should not be confused as the same park as some people are trying to do. Individuals are using unethical methods to influence special interest groups and the general population. The problem is if we allow this toxic talk to continue, things that start small, can get big real fast, and it's dangerous to ignore them. Misinformation is being presented to groups like the Green Foothills, The Surfrider's Society, and Serria Club, and they may not be aware of this campaign of lies.

Sincerely,

Betsy Caffell
Moss Beach

From: [Amber Forke](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 3:31:59 PM

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Dear Community Council and Planning Department,

I'm writing to support the off leash dog walking at Pillar Point Bluff. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors and there is an active disinformation campaign that is posting incorrect information to prevent this pilot going forward.

I live at 149 Bernal Ave Moss Beach and am a supporter of the off lease pilot.

Regards, Amber Forke
650-769-0495

From: [Tara Arrowood](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:34:06 AM

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From: [Tim Parsey](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [joss parsey](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:30:06 AM

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Hi,

We are writing in express our passionate support for off leash dog walking at Pillar Point as a valuable enrichment of our shared coastal culture.

The project has overwhelming community support, and as developed from the thorough and effective pilot program has shown very few reported incidents.

As part of this we support the strictest off leash rules in CA as proposed by the pilot program ... even though as an agricultural zoned area it is not considered to be a sensitive habitat ... as we seek to do our part to ensure minimal negative influence to the environment and other visitors.

While other Bay areas have sanctioned off leash areas, but San Mateo has none, and in an area where 40% of the residents own dogs and yet, unlike adjacent counties, are banned from 92% of San Mateo park trails (even on leash) ... we are optimistic that you, our local leaders, will step up to support what our community needs and wants to help move San Mateo towards becoming appropriately dog friendly through this initiative.

Thank you for listening.

Joss and Tim Parsey
2006 Vallemar St., Moss Beach.

From: [Wayne KNACK](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please support off leash dogs at PILLAR POINT BLUFF
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:00:53 PM

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As a responsible pet owner, I support off leash on Pillar Point Bluff for other responsible pet owners. Whenever my dog is off leash and I encounter other people, pets, or wild animals I put my dog back on leash. I realize that not all people like dogs, even a dog as friendly as mine. I also realize that other dogs and animals can be scared of my dog.

From: [Lisa Vittori](mailto:Lisa.Vittori@midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](mailto:Planning_Commission@midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Cc: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; midcoast.claire@gmail.com; MCCGreggD@gmail.com; lenericksonmcc@gmail.com; michelleweilmcc@gmail.com; daveolsonmcc@gmail.com; JillGrant.MidcoastCC@gmail.com; midcoastdan@gmail.com
Subject: Please support Off-Leash Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:58:22 PM

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Dear Midcoast Community Council members:

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program.

I have been walking my dogs (default assumption = off-leash) on those trails for more than 40 years, especially when I lived in in Pacifica, in Linda Mar. In general, local people have been walking their dogs at both sites as long as anyone can remember. They have also been walking their dogs in other places which are not included in this plan. From my perspective, this plan actually reduces legal off-leash accessible places.

San Mateo County has a real dearth of legal off-leash hiking trails. Many were eliminated 25 or 30 years ago (the "Dish" at Stanford, or the frontage trail along the watershed lands). Others have been acquired by either the GGNRA or the San Mateo County Park system. The county parks totally ban dogs, unlike most other county parks in the country. The GGNRA has been in a protracted legal fight for decades with regional dog-walkers. Every time dog-walking is reduced in a certain area, other places are forced to shoulder the load. Fort Funston, in particular, became noticeably more crowded when the trails in San Mateo County began banning dogs.

In general, this massive user group is under-served by their government representatives. It's a community that is remarkably egalitarian. Many of the users are elderly, and have been walking for 50 years; this is how they've remained so healthy. If you go to Fort Funston at 7 in the morning, the parking lot will be full of people older than 60 (I was shocked the first time I saw this). Families go to the beach with their kids and their dogs and play. It seems to me that these are the kinds of healthy outdoor activities that our government should be supporting and promoting.

Thank you in advance for your vote of support.

Lisa Vittori
415-931-3075

From: [Timothy Hamack](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please approve the CDP for court parks' off leash pilot program PLN2021-00333
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:07:58 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.
Timothy Hamack

From: [Marina Hamack](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please approve the CDP off leash pilot program
Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022 8:00:24 AM

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Thank you for your consideration

Marina Hamack

From: [Chris French](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please go ahead with the Pillar Point Bluff Off-Leash Program
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:55:43 AM

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Hello,

I am an El Granada resident with three dogs. I walk them and clean up after them responsibly. I encourage the Planning Commission to endorse and sanction the Pillar Point Bluff Off-Leash Program to further enhance quality of life for dog owners in the area, as well as for those who don't have or walk dogs. Given that much research and environmental review has already been done in this regard, I believe it's time to take next steps. Please make this so.

Thank you,
~Chris French
El Granada, CA

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From: [Devin Squaglia](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please grant/support the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 1:39:42 PM

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All,

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Originally, I had sent a message to you back in November, but I want to reiterate my plea for the need for the first ever County off-leash dog trails at the two parks carefully selected as perfect places for the Pilot Program.

I've lived on the Coast for 14 years, and my 12-year old dog, Quinn, has spent his life walking with me on the beach, Quarry Park, or Bluffs off-leash. Running free provides him with the exercise needed for a Border Collie (not only physically, but for his mental health/stimulation).

Currently, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking.

The off-leash pilots' trail plan and rules were developed during a five-year public process. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as park rangers. I have also attended many meetings (in-person in El Granada, Redwood City, San Mateo, or virtually) to support this much-needed pilot program.

As a result of intensive public input, environmental review, and historic use considerations, County Parks and its Dog Work Group recommended that trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop be included in the off-leash pilot.

I urge you to support San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilots plan. It has undergone a rigorous review process, including CEQA review, and should move forward.

Thank you!

Devin Squaglia, El Granada Home Owner/Resident

From: [Mark Alfaro](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Grant a CDP for the Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:19:53 PM

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I have lived on the coast for 50 years and see a huge value in this program for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Mark Alfaro
El Granada Resident

From: [Chloe Hui](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Grant a CDP for the Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:48:19 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Chloe Lee

From: [Elizabeth Kloepfer](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Grant a Coastal Development Permit PLN2021-00333
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:59:06 AM

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Kloepfer
Resident and Property Owner Montara

From: [Lin Krollpfeiffer](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Support off-leash Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:47:44 AM

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Thank you for attending to this important project.

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From: [Elizabeth Murphy](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:40:34 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Murphy
Moss Beach

From: [Marc Yu](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Grant a CDP for the Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:49:22 PM

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From: [Marc Yu](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Marc Yu

From: [Chloe Yu](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Mrs. Yu, dog owner

From: [doug laughlin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Doug Laughlin

From: [Chelsea Hardaway](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:38:42 PM

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chelsea hardaway

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From: [Karen Hoexter](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Karen Hoexter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rita Pickering](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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[ADD NAMRE]Rita Pickering

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Mark Alfaro](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Mark Alfaro
El Granada resident

From: [Gina Granata](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [Sue Freeburg](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [Isabel Silveira](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: hmbsooccermom@yahoo.com
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From: [Melinda Martin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Melinda Martin
(Moss Beach resident)

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From: [Trisha Pham](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [D. Emanuel](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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From: [Margaret Stringer](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Margaret Stringer
Pacifica, CA

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From: [Joe and Lori](#)
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To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [Nancy Pepper](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Redwood City resident

From: [Niki Saletta](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Nicole Jensen

From: [Christine Personal](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Christine Gardner and Zuzu
El Granada

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From: [Colleen Amour](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [lois.tezza](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Lois Tezza

From: [Claudia Marshall](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [chris guio](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [Laurie Porcaro](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Laurie Porcaro
Oakhyrst@hotmail.com

From: [Charlie Holman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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To: [Planning Commission](#)
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To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Terry Simms

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16 Dock Road
Norwalk CT 06854
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From: [Kevin Beattie](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Sincerely,
Kevin Beattie
San Mateo County Resident since 2011
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kbeattie>
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From: [Sandy Paws](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); info@coastsidedog.org
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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HMB Sandy Paws
www.hmbsandypaws.com

From: [Megan Simms](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Megan

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From: [bernadette forde](#)
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From: [Kate Rodrigues](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Thank you
Claudia Pham

From: [Robert Schmidt](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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From: happyharte@gmail.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Sherry Kritzer
sekritzer@att.net
Moss Beach

From: [Selma Barroso](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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SELMA MARA BARROSO

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erik Watts](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Megan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [David Magnuson](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Pillar Point Bluffs Off Leash Dog Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:58:52 AM

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Planners,

I'm not a dog owner but I walk the bluffs. I'm happy to share the trail with dogs off the leash. I grew up in San Mateo county and have never known so much control and unwarranted controversy over people trying to let their dogs exercise and enjoy walks.

Specifically, on the Pillar Point bluffs, rabbits and stuff have plenty of cover, there aren't any rails or grouse. Dog owners have as much sense as other walkers, and we ought not have rules where we don't need them.

As for the democratic principle, I'd say that dog walkers are on the bluff more often than those without dogs, and have more need of it besides. There are many places for people who are afraid of dogs to go here where dogs are not even allowed.

David A (Tony) Magnuson

Moss Beach

From: [gitavrat](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Theresa Neighbor](#)
Subject: Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:05:18 PM

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I am in support of the off leash dog pilot program.
It offers a much needed place to walk their dogs off leash legally in the county.
Currently there is no other place in our county that allows off leash access for our dogs so this pilot program is a great opportunity for our community.

Thank you

Gita Vrat
485 Terrace Avenue
Moss Beach, California
94038

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Mimi Granata](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Mimi granata

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From: [Frank Ruggirello](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks" Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
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Thank you for your consideration.

[ADD NAME]

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From: claudia.odhiambo
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please Approve the CDP for County Parks' Off-Leash Pilot Program (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:58:46 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Chau Odhiambo

From: [keith.mangold](mailto:keith.mangold@gmail.com)
To: MidcoastCommunityCouncil@gmail.com
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off Leash Dogs at Pillar Point
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:58:28 PM

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Problems with the proposed Pillar Point Bluff Off Leash Project.

1st – Off leash dogs are not physically prohibited from entering the beach, as occurred in 2018 when the seal pup was killed by the German Shepherd.

2nd – There is no timely or effective oversight or enforcement as evidenced by the numerous off leash dogs on the bluff top and beach on the average weekend. Additionally, the project does not specify resources for oversight or enforcement. In case of a dog attack, the nearest Park resource is frequently San Pedro Valley.

3rd – The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve requires more protection than it currently receives, not less. There should be a roving ranger that would be in the reserve during normal business hours and low tide, high use periods.

4th – The County record keeping for dog attacks on humans, dogs and wildlife is abysmal. The afore mentioned seal pup death does not even appear in the incident reports.

5th – There appears to be no predetermined criteria for shutting down the project. Criteria would presumably include attacks on birds, marine mammals, dogs, people, terrestrial mammals such as bobcats, foxes, weasels and coyotes and reptiles and amphibians including red legged frogs & SF Garter snakes).

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Keith Mangold
keith.mangold@gmail.com
650 773 4028

From: [Eileen Ovrahim](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Opposed to Off-Leash Dogs
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 9:43:45 AM

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Hello...I am writing to voice my opinion in opposition of any Off-Leash Dogs at any of our beaches...Quarry Park, Pillar Pt. Bluffs...

There is already too much people pollutants on our beaches and coast without adding the dog waste to it. As i see it, dog owners have ample outdoor space to enjoy walks with their dags running without a leash.

Thank you for thinking of our coastlines first.

Eileen Ovrahim

From: [Catherine Newman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Pillar Point Bluff Tops
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:27:28 AM

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I have been a coastal resident for some time now. The joy of my life is walking on the bluffs with 12 year old dog Miss. My "trail friends" that I see each time are responsible dog owners. Leashing up at appropriate times but allowing their dogs the opportunity to socialize with people and other dogs while off leash. Very seldom do I see evidence of people not picking up after their dogs.

I ask on behalf of my fellow dog friends that you allow us to continue enjoying friendly walks with our dogs and our friends in the responsible way as we have to this point.

Thank you
Catherine Newman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kevin LeLaurin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: PLN2021-00333
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:30:27 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

Best,

From: [Jeanette Hyer](mailto:Jeanette.Hyer@midcoastcommunitycouncil.com)
To: MidcoastCommunityCouncil@gmail.com
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:02:36 AM

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A letter on the subject of proposed off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluffs

I am writing with some concern about the plan to turn the Pillar Point Bluffs into an off-leash dog area. The Midcoast Community Council should reject the County Park's request for a Coastal Development permit for this project.

My first concern is that the Bluffs will immediately be on everyone's radar as a lovely place to go off-leash walking with their dog. Unfortunately, the Bluffs is not a wide-open space, like the Fort Funston beach, or other large field spaces or beaches. On the bluffs, the majority of the area is a series of small trails, which force dogs into close proximity, which can create problems. The trails contain sensitive habitat and endangered species, and are adjacent to the beaches below, which are sites where harbor seals haul out.

My second concern, as a person who has highly trained dogs that do respond (mostly) to voice control, is that there is no consensus as to what a well trained dog is. I have encountered MANY times, people who think that their dog is well trained, when in fact they are not. This covers young dogs, dogs who respond as long as there are no distractions, and dogs who do not have enough experience being in an off leash setting to remember their training. It is simply ridiculous to have a large unfenced area, and assume that every dog owner can accurately self-proclaim that their off-leash dogs is under voice control. There needs to be a licensing approach to allowing off leash dogs into this sensitive area.

My final concern is that I don't think that any thought has been given to the expected crowds that might come from SF and other areas, to use the bluffs as a dog park. Already, we have all seen the explosive growth of local tourism into the area, that renders almost every weekend and holiday a horrendous traffic nightmare from Pacifica through HMB. There are many folks who would love to come with their dogs, with the idea of an off leash park as a destination. Has any comparison been made to the situation at Fort Funston, where dogs under voice control still fall down the cliffs (41 rescues in 2017 as reported by

SFFD)? I think a quick google search will confirm for you that Fort Funston is a major destination for anyone in the Bay Area. Is the infrastructure and personnel in place to handle increasing crowds at the Bluffs? Without these, it is likely that there will be widespread deterioration, before any changes can be put into effect. And, is the county committed to monitoring this area forever, through good budgets and bad?

The Pillar Point Bluffs is a lovely small area, that is perfectly lovely for walking dogs **on-leash**. It is a terrible area for off-leash dogs. I am a dog owner and I love walking my dog off leash, but not all places are appropriate, and Pillar Point Bluffs is too small for this experiment.

Regards, Jeanette Hyer

From: [Sherry Kritzer](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-leash dog trails
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:58:31 AM

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I am in favor of legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and at Pillar Point Bluffs.

The Coastside community have walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This activity benefits dogs AND people.

Please support this recreational activity by supporting the CDP.

Thank you.

Sherry

From: [Ammi Rostin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-leash pilots
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:01:59 PM

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I support the off-leash pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop, I urge you to grant the Coastal Development Permit.

Ammi Rostin

From: [Elaine Reade](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-leash Dog Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:28:11 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to vote "NO" to off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. While coastside off-leash dog advocates have many good reasons for their desire to provide sanctioned off-leash dog access nearby, Pillar Point Bluff is not the place to allow loose dogs.

Pillar Point Bluff is immediately adjacent to a Marine Protected Area. Many informal trails lead down to protected marine habitats. Let's keep dogs on leashes at this location to give this habitat the protection it deserves. Another location, Quarry Park, has been identified for the off-leash pilot program. It is not necessary to allow loose dogs at Pillar Point Bluff- the risks are too great.

Elaine Reade
Volunteer Naturalist and Board Member
Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

From: [Don Hows](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-leash Dog Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 5:21:46 PM

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Dear Planning Commission:

We are 26-year residents of Moss Beach and writing to voice our strong support for San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. We live just two blocks from Pillar Point Bluff and have used this open space to walk our dogs off-leash since moving here in 1996.

The off-leash pilots' trail plan and rules were developed over a five-year public process. We attended many of the public meetings held by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with stakeholders from environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as park rangers.

As a result of intensive public input, environmental review, and historic use considerations, County Parks and its Dog Work Group recommended that trails at both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff be included in the off-leash pilot.

Every conceivable interest group was involved in this process and the end result was an approval by the County Board of Supervisors to move the off-leash pilot program forward.

Let me reiterate this last point. A five-year SMC process that was well publicized and open to all interested parties, that heard from a diverse collection of stakeholders on a monthly and sometimes more often basis, and collectively agreed to make a recommendation to the Supervisors which was approved.

All concerns were voiced and debated. Inaccuracies were replaced with facts. Misunderstandings were corrected. Nothing was hidden from view.

Now, at this juncture of the approval process, Midcoast Community Council and the SMC Planning Commission are being inundated with false and misleading information in attempt to stop the off-leash pilot program in its tracks. The people behind this concerted effort of lies and deceit should be ashamed, but it is obvious that if they are willing to publicly mischaracterize and misrepresent the truth, they don't value the democratic process that brought this proposal forward, they only value their own selfish needs which they put above all else.

These people, who have had five years to air and discuss their concerns about off-leash dog walking, know the SMC approval process well, and have strategically waited for this moment in the approval process, to assert their will on the people of San Mateo County by trying to manipulate public opinion with a campaign of fear and uncertainty. They're playing to

peoples' emotions with lies and falsehoods to serve their own needs.

This cannot stand. Good people are entitled to their opinions, BUT NOT THEIR OWN FACTS!

This County spent five years and precious resources to come to a decision that was approved by elected officials beholdng to their constituents. This is democracy in action. And, it's a testament on how good governance should work. By allowing a handful of individuals to subvert the will of the people and their elected representatives, when they chose not to participate in the beginning of the process, is the pure definition of an undemocratic process.

I respectfully request (insert Midcoast or Planning email) that you carefully review comments and assertions made against the pilot program, and compare them to the facts. Separate the hyperbole from the truth. If you have doubts or questions, refer them to County Parks. Believe me when I say, County Parks was exhaustive and rigorous in their study of this pilot program. Don't trust the current loud voices. They weren't there. They didn't participate.

Lastly, San Mateo County is the only San Francisco Bay Area county that does not provide legal off-leash dog walking trails for its residents. County Parks' off-leash pilot program is a chance to help meet this need and to manage off-leash dog walking, which has been common practice at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop for 50+ years.

I urge you to support San Mateo County Parks' and SMC Board if Supervisors off-leash pilots plan. It has undergone a rigorous review process, including CEQA review, and should move forward. Please remember, this is a "PILOT PROGRAM" being considered, a "Trial," and it will be under the supervision, review, and control of County Parks.

Sincerely,
Donald and Patricia Hows
Proud Dog Owners
66 Madrone Ave
Moss Beach

From: [Sean Handel](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Off-Leash Pilot Program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:08:28 AM

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I am writing to OPPOSE granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

I believe that allowing dogs to run off leash interferes with all other forms of recreation. And even with the good intentions of some dog owners, most dogs are not trained enough to be in voice control.

Sean Handel
Half Moon Bay, CA

From: [Kathryn Bolte](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-Leash Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 2:09:03 PM

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San Mateo County Planning Commission -

I live in El Granada, CA where I frequently walk my dogs in both Pillar Point and Quarry Park. These are two of the most accessible open space areas near my home and both have historically allowed dogs. This is a huge part of my quality of life in this community and is an important part of my life.

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- **The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process.** Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.
- **Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive.** Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.

- **The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.** For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.
- **Contrary to some claims, off-leash dogs are NOT running from Pillar Point Bluff down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach.** There is a 100+ foot cliff separating the Blufftop from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only.
- **Contrary to some claims, the off-leash pilot program is NOT expected to significantly increase park usage.** Other Bay Area counties offer a wealth of off-leash dog walking trails and beaches for their residents to enjoy on their doorsteps—a more enticing option than navigating heavy weekend traffic. In addition, the reality is that the pilot's strict rules and two-dog limit will keep many dog owners away.

Thank you,
Kathryn Bolte
El Granada, CA

From: [Suzanne Valente](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:28:25 PM

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Planning Commission Members:

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. These programs were formulated with much care and consideration of environmental concerns and other park users. Lastly, I would like to point out that dogs require off-leash recreation opportunities for optimal health and well-being. This is especially true from a scientific standpoint for dogs that have been spayed and neutered, which is a requirement for all rescued dogs in California. As taxpayers we are entitled to fair representation and essentially a "piece of the pie", and this pilot project has been created with the utmost concern for all interested parties. Please approve the permit.

Dr. Suzanne Valente
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From: pjmcc1234@gmail.com
To: [Planning Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Planning_Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Subject: Off-Leash Pilot Program - Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop, San Mateo County
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:03:11 AM
Attachments: [Coastside Dog - propganda to solicit supprt from across the nation..docx](#)

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To whom it may concern,

I am one of the founding members of the original though recently defunct **Montara Dog Group/Pack** - members were made of a large group_of local coastside residents and more specifically , dog owners of Montara and Moss Beach.

Our group was the first on the Coast (approx 10 years ago) to partner with a state agency, the **GGNRA**, on an off leash pilot program - it failed miserably (2012 off leash dog walker/ Park Ranger tasing incident at Rancho Corral, Montara).

Note ; Coastside Dog is now advocating off-leash pilot programs using Montara Dogs exact /previously failed off leash pilot program.

It was determined by the Montara Dog group that advocating for off leash areas or zones was and remains a terrible idea - for far too many reasons to list if I was to keep your attention.

Due to the President of the Montara Dog group being no longer able to run/organize the group - and no group members, for one reason or another, able fulfill the duties required of a leader/group President, and through much debate it was agreed that our Montara Dog Group would be terminated, and that all membership information would be passed on to form/amalgamate a larger group , now known as **Coastside Dog**.

Understand that the majority of actual Coast Side residents and dog owners do not support off leash zones on the Coast/ San Mateo County - and that Coastside Dog is a large group, with supporting members from larger dog groups all across America, to which support is often sought and shared/provided - basically support is shared by these groups in order to inflate the actual amount of support for each of their respected causes in the area of operation . Any comments regarding or suggestions in support of or otherwise should only be from groups and or residents proven to live in the area in question, The Coast /San Mateo county - to be scrutinized, those who respond for comment by using the cut and paste variety of support offered through solicitation by Coastside Dog. [see attached]

Due to my position in life I am not legally able to, for many reasons, speak publicly on matters, nor am I socially active on-line or other. Though I am permitted to share my views in a private setting with Government agencies/officials.

Please contact me directly if you would like to learn more, the truth surrounding off-leash programs , and the many reasons behind why they should never be permitted/legalized in any setting.

Regards,
Paul McCormack.

From: [america bliss](mailto:america.bliss)
To: [Planning Commission; midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)
Subject: Off-Leash Dog Pilot Areas in Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:39:12 PM

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Oh hi there.

I feel like over the past few years I have emailed a lot of folks about the two proposed off-leash sites, so please excuse me if I've already emailed you. I was just informed that the pilot areas are back under debate again, so it's important for us all to show our support.

First of all, I'm an El Granada resident and my partner and I walk our dog off-leash every day in either Quarry Park, The Bluffs, or the GGNRA area behind my house. Like many dogs, our dog needs off-leash time to play and run or she becomes an absolute nightmare. ALSO like many dogs, she's far better behaved off-leash than she is on-leash.

For the past 4 years of going to Quarry Park and The Bluffs we have never had an incident with our dog or any other dog. We have successfully shared trails with walkers, hikers, bikers, e-bikers, and everyone else. In fact, the only demon I've ever encountered on the trails has been one specific guy on a recumbent bike who speeds around corners and screams at everyone.

I know a lot of angst around off-leash dogs involves Luna attacking and killing the harbor seal a few years ago at Ross' Cove. And while some people are spreading the mis-information that Luna ran down the cliff from The Bluffs to kill the seal, THE LOCALS ALL KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. Are any of you locals? The gossip scene on the Coast is insane. I know EVERYTHING about EVERYONE. And I definitely know Luna was being walked in Ross' Cove the day of that incident — Her owners just said that Luna escaped from The Bluffs to avoid a stiffer punishment. Making The Bluffs an off-leash area would have no bearing on people illegally taking their dogs to Marine Preserves or other areas where no dogs are allowed.

Sorry. I'm rambling because I'm multi-taking and my job is wildly busy right now. Basically:

1. The coast is full of dog lovers and dog parents
2. Dogs are the new children
3. We need places where our dogs can run and play and get their energy out
4. Dog parks work for some dogs, but not all.
5. If we shut down off-leash areas for dogs on the coast it means locals like me will be taking morning or evening trips to Pulgas Ridge or Fort Funston, which are both lovely, but if I can choose to just stay local and not add to the traffic going over the hill and back I WILL ALWAYS CHOOSE THAT OPTION.

I'm not sure why dogs are being villainized by some, but it feels like if we want to maintain the coast as an incredible place to live for adventurous and outdoorsy folks then we need to have options for everyone's dogs. The very reason I moved to El Granada was because I found myself here with my dog every weekend and over time just fell in love. I traded in accessibility, a food scene, being close to family, and more for access to trails, the water, and to be able to spend more time outside with my partner and my dog. That's the very spirit of the coast.

-America Bliss

From: [Linda Richardson](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Off-Leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:35:36 AM

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Mid coast Community Council and planning commission

I strongly support the off leash dog recreation pilot program at pillar point Bluff and Quarry Park, and ask you to **vote to support** San Mateo County's request for a coastal development permit. My husband and I are both longtime coast side residents who have walked our dogs on the bluff for years.

There have been off leash dogs on the bluffs for generations. It is part of the coast side's culture. Providing some Offleash trails and rules to sanction what is already happening is a good thing. Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff were selected based on their long history of Offleash leash use overwhelming public support for Offleash trails at the sites, and natural resource considerations. Quarry Park is a eucalyptus forest and pillar point Bluff is a former dairy farm sandwiched between industrial Airport Road and 150 foot cliff.

The pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff only makes two trails legally off leash – the Jean Lauer trail and the northern half of the Ross Cove Trail. This area is zoned agricultural land and not part of any sensitive habitat. One of the reasons the multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group (composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community group representatives, including a MCC council member) after 5 years and over 30 public meetings (of which my husband and I attended many), recommended these particular trails on the bluff and the Board of Supervisors agreed that there is NO access to the beach, ocean or Fitzgerald Marine reserve near any of these trails. Nature has provided the perfect barrier, a cliff.

Thank you for recognizing the need for the first ever County off- leash dog trails at the two parks carefully selected as perfect places for the Pilot Program.

Sincerely

Linda Richardson

Montara

From: [Brittney Ruffier-Kloss](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:18:28 PM

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Dear commissioners.

I am writing to express my full support for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash dog pilot program at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, and to urge you to grant a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333). Families, seniors, and others have walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program and dog walking rules were developed via a four-year, multi-stakeholder public process. Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff trails were selected for the pilot based on their long history of off-leash recreation, overwhelming public support for legal off-leash trails at these sites, and natural resource considerations. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest and Pillar Point Bluff is former agricultural/grazing land sandwiched between industrial Airport Street and a 150-foot cliff.

A CEQA environmental review was completed for the pilot program, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan. As a result, no significant environmental impacts are expected from the off-leash pilot program. Moreover, San Mateo County Parks believes that providing some sanctioned off-leash access will not displace other recreational users.

On February 9, I am asking that you please vote in support of a Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which has been approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Parks Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.
Brittney Ruffier-Kloss

From: [Christopher Keck](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash dog walking
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:51:09 AM

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I am in support of maintaining off leash dog walking. As I walk these trails I also pick up garbage along the way to help maintain the cleanliness and beauty of these areas. The area is currently in question are listed below.

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

Regards,

Chris Keck

From: [Nancy Sekerak](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash pilot program, just pass it already
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:15:10 PM

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How many times does this have to be reviewed? It's not rocket science, it's a 12 month pilot program. We love our dogs, walking with our dogs, it's good for everyone. Throw us a bone, they took away our bridge on Miramar trail so now we get to walk our dogs along busy highway one. Come on man....do something positive.

Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process. Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.

Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive. Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.

The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It

includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.

Contrary to some claims, off-leash dogs are NOT running from Pillar Point Bluff down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach. There is a 100+ foot cliff separating the Blufftop from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only.

Contrary to some claims, the off-leash pilot program is NOT expected to significantly increase park usage. Other Bay Area counties offer a wealth of off-leash dog walking trails and beaches for their residents to enjoy on their doorsteps—a more enticing option than navigating heavy weekend traffic. In addition, the reality is that the pilot's strict rules and two-dog limit will keep many dog owners away.

*Note: To personalize your comment, please mention if you attended County Parks' Dog Work Group meetings; if you regularly walk your dog(s) at off-leash areas and what they mean to your quality of life; if you help steward Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff by picking up trash on trails; etc.

IMPORTANT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

(please attend and voice your support for the off-leash pilots)

7PM, Wednesday, Jan. 26

Midcoast Community Council Meeting

Off-Leash Pilots & Coastal Development Permit Weigh-in

9AM, Wednesday, Feb. 9

San Mateo County Planning Commission Meeting

Coastal Development Permit VOTE

*Coastside DOG will send out the meeting agendas and meeting links closer to the dates. We are expecting some vocal anti-off-leash folks at both meetings. It is critical that off-leash supporters attend and voice their support. Thanks for making a difference!

-Amy Tezza, Coastside DOG

County Parks' Off-Leash Plan - Trails & Rules

OFF-LEASH PILOT RULES

1. Off-leash dog(s) must be under voice and sight control:

a) Voice and sight control requires that the owner/handler must be in control of dog(s) at all times and must be able to recall and leash dog(s) at any time.

b) Owner/handler must have a leash for each dog under owner/handler control.

c) Dog(s) must return immediately when called (maximum of 10-second return time).

2. Dog(s) must remain on designated and signed trails, within view and earshot, and no more than 25 feet away from owner/handler.

3. Dog(s) must be on-leash in developed areas (i.e., near traffic, parking lot, lawn or play field, deck, picnic areas, etc.).
4. No more than two off-leash dogs allowed per owner/handler.
5. Dogs are presumed to NOT be under control when they:
 - a) Threaten, harass, chase, or otherwise display aggression towards any person, animal, or wildlife;
 - b) Display threatening behavior;
 - c) Physically harm people directly or indirectly by their actions;
 - d) Touch or jump on other park users who have not invited or engaged in interaction with the dog; or
 - e) Do not return when called (maximum of 10-second return time).
6. Owner/handler must have physical control of dog(s) when approaching or being approached by park users not also engaged in off-leash dog recreation.

From: [Nadine Silverman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Off leash pilot program @ Pillar Point and Quarry Park
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:42:46 PM

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As someone who has a high-energy dog and lives right next to the bluff trail, my options are very limited on where I can exercise and socialize him. I know that other dog owners in the area also feel the same. My experience in the 6 years that I've lived here has been that the current off leash dog walkers have been very respectful, and have invest time in cleaning up the trail after others daily.

My understanding is that dog owners have been using these trails on the coastside for 50+ years as off leash. Please let us continue this.

Thank you,
Nadine

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Philippa Barr](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash pilot project
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 10:39:29 AM

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I'm adding my support to this initiative. Being able to walk my dog without a leash is truly one of the greatest pleasures of my life. Please support allowing this to continue.

Most sincerely,

Philippa Barr

From: [Paula Jefferis](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash policy
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 10:12:42 AM

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Good morning,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy during the omicron wave! One way to mentally and physically survive is to walk and enjoy the beautiful bluffs of San Mateo county, especially with our best companions, our dogs. I've lived in San Mateo county since 1983: Redwood City; San Carlos; and currently Half Moon Bay. During this time the off leash area became an integral part of our lives. Realizing pet waste pick-up and disposal is a critical issue, this will always occur. There are just some irresponsible people that do not care or are ignorant of the polluting factors. Even with the leash law, there is waste along the trail. I will sometimes pick up other dog's waste knowing dog haters will hate us more. Human nature is such that there will always be those who do not follow the rules put in place for the benefit of the whole and I believe we who follow the rules should not be punished for the ignorant few. Please, allow dogs off leash. Some dogs need space to run and move at their own pace to get proper exercise for their's and our emotional, physical, and mental health.

Thank you and take care,

Paula Jefferis-Nilsen

San Mateo resident for 39 years

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From: [Amy Tezza](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off leash dog pilot
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 1:36:48 PM

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I am a resident of Moss beach and I **strongly support** the Off-leash Dog Pilot Program at BOTH Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park, and believe the CDP should be granted.

Regarding Pillar Point Bluff, one reason the multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group, after 5 years and over 30 public meetings, recommended these particular trails (and the BOS agreed) is that there is NO access to the beach, ocean or FMR near these trails. This area was carefully studied by County Parks who commissioned an extensive environmental review. This CEQA review suggested which trails are most appropriate for off leash use: those that do *not* involve the limited areas of sensitive habitat (wetlands) and avoid the most southern end of Ross Cove trail, the sole area of beach access.

A steep cliff precludes beach access from any other point on the bluff. In other areas, the 12-month pilot program requires installation of entry fencing and additional signage to clearly delineate where off-leash dogs are not permitted.

Jerry Hearn, an environmentalist on the Work Group (and an advisory board member of Green Foothills) promoted these off-leash trails at the Bluff (and Quarry Park) noting that they were less environmentally sensitive than other SMC parks.

There has been no evidence presented that dogs have had an adverse environmental impact on the bluffs despite the fact that, as Supervisor Horsley (District 3) noted during the BOS hearing, the Bluff has allowed dogs off-leash for decades. It is NOT a new use.

We believe that having 1.8 miles of trails, where there is no access to the beach and no sensitive habitat (specifically wetlands) approved for off leash use will satisfy both the need to protect the environment and the need for off leash areas in San Mateo County parks allowing equity with surrounding counties.

Also, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is adjacent to PPB and does not allow dogs on any of its trails except one, which is on leash only. It allows a similar ocean bluff walking experience for those who want a dog free zone in which to hike.

For years, dog owners have been stewards of the bluff. We pick up trash and any missed poops and will continue to educate other dog owners. We very much want to have legal off leash dog walking a success and will not tolerate those that abuse the privilege.

Why TWO parks? Quarry Park has trails that are steep and narrow. Pillar Point Bluff has ADA compliant trails so that people with disabilities who would like to walk their animals off leash will be able to do so in an easy flat loop.

Thank you for recognizing the need for the first ever County off-leash dog trails at the two parks carefully selected as perfect places for the Pilot Program.

Amy Tezza
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From: [Mark Hofmann](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off Leash Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:15:49 AM

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From: [doug laughlin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off Leash Pilot Program , Pillar Point, Quarry Park
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Doug Laughlin
746 Sierra St.
Moss Beach, Ca.

From: [Miles Caffell](mailto:Miles_Caffell)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off Leash Support at Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:18:34 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to show my support for the Pillar Point Bluff park for off leash use. I have be a resident of Moss Beach for over 28 years and have frequently walked this park with my dogs.

This park had been a great spot to visit with friends and neighbors who love the park as much as I do. I've always had great experiences with meeting other dogs and their owners without any conflict. During COVID it has been a lifesaver to be able to walk the trails and enjoy the outdoors.

Dogs walking the trail are no threat to the Marine Fitzgerald Reserve because there is no access to the beach. The trails designated for off leash are adjacent to very steep cliffs that are 70 feet to 120 feet high. No dog or human would scale down these cliffs to get to the beach below. The only access to the beach is near the radar station.

Thank you,

Miles Caffell

From: [Donna Adelman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Off Lease dog areas
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:27:33 PM
Importance: High

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I walk my dog daily and most of the time make use of the above named areas. Without these available both neither of us would be as healthy or happy as we are. During Covid these places have provided outside safe and healthy areas for socialization. It would be a sad situation to lose this access.

Donna Adelman

From: [Roger Hoppes](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Off Leash Dog Area On Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:28:10 AM
Attachments: [SMC Parks Off-Leash Dog Program-Coastal Development Permit-SMCPC.pdf](#)

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Please find attached my comments regarding the proposed change to allow off-leash dogs on Pillar Point Bluff. Your consideration is much appreciated

Roger Hoppes

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); Martinez, Erik@Coastal
Cc: [MCC](#); [Lisa Ketcham](#)
Subject: Midcoast Community Council Comments on PLN2021-00333
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:56:59 AM
Attachments: [2022-01-26-Off-Leash-Dog-Pilot-Letter-Final.pdf](#)

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Attached are the comments on the Pilot Off-Leash Dog-Walking Project for Quarry and Pillar Point Bluffs Parks approved at the January 26, 2022 meeting of the MCC>

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: [Charles Garvin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: More support for the off-leash program
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:48:01 PM

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To the Planning Commission: this is another communication in support of the off-leash pilot program at Pillar Point Bluffs as well as Quarry Park.

I would add to what's already been mentioned to you, the fact that additional off-leash space is supportive of the health of dogs and dog owners alike. The alternative for many residents is the small set of county / city dog parks. And it is clear from recent social media (NextDoor) that there are increasing numbers of incidents where aggressive dogs in these smaller spaces are fighting and biting other dogs. As canines and their owners spend more time at home due to COVID, the dogs tend to need more space and activity during the times they do have outside.

The Pulgas Ridge open space offers a good example of how thoughtfully designed off-leash and on-leash areas can provide healthy exercise for both pets and their owners. Since the county installed garbage receptacles, waste has not been a major problem, and dog owners tend to be responsible and mutually supportive.

We need more such spaces. Please follow the Board of Supervisors and approve the pilot program.

From: [Rob Aschero](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: My support of off leash permit
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:29:37 AM

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As a registered voter of San Mateo County and resident of El Granada I am expressing my support of the Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' off-leash pilot program at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

Best regards,

Rob Aschero
El Granada

From: [Michelle Hogg](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 2:22:55 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. As a 30-year coastside resident and dog owner, I and my family have long enjoyed the variety of spaces available on the coastside to walk our dogs off leash. We are responsible dog owners who always pick up our dog's waste, as well as that of others who have left it behind. I walk in Quarry Park with my dogs weekly and frequent the bluff tops as well.

The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.

I encourage you to vote in support of continuing the 12 month pilot program.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hogg
462 Alameda Ave.
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

From: [Leslie Wakasa](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Date: Monday, January 17, 2022 4:28:18 PM

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Please support off leash dogs at pillar point bluff. I live right there and support this initiative. It is important to have a place to allow dogs to safely be off leash when appropriate.
Thanks

~Leslie Wakasa

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [Chanda Singh](#); [Martinez, Erik@Coastal](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Katie Faulkner](#); [MCC](#)
Subject: MCC comments on Final Connect the Coastsides Documents
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 10:51:32 AM
Attachments: [2022-01-26-MCC-Connect-the-Coastsides-letter.pdf](#)

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Please see attached Midcoast Community Council comment letter on Connect the Coastsides. These comments were approved at the MCC meeting on January 26, 2022.

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: [CLAIRE TOUTANT](#)
To: [Michael Schaller](#); [Nicholas Calderon](#); erikmartinez@coastal.ca.gov; [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [MCC](#)
Subject: MCC comments on PLN2021-00333
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:56:32 PM
Attachments: [2022-01-26-Off-Leash-Dog-Pilot-Letter-Final.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached comments approved at the January 26, 2022 meeting of the Midcoast Community Council regarding the proposed Off-Leash Dog Walking Pilot Project for Quarry and Pillar Point Bluff Parks.

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

From: [Lauryn Agnew](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: In favor of Off-leash dog pilot program Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:36:52 PM

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I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

I have lived in the Seal Cove neighborhood since 1983, near the entrance to the Bluff trails. I have walked my dogs (7 of them in 37 years) on the Bluffs and it is a wonderful opportunity for dogs to play and run. The first 4 dogs could be off leash there in those days. The Bluffs overlook the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve which is a sensitive and protected area, and dogs are not allowed on the beach or tide pools. The Bluffs however are not as biologically sensitive. The bluffs were overrun with pampas grass not so long ago, which is an invasive species. That was all removed and now the bluffs are returning to a natural state, but it was formerly grazing land for dairy cattle.

Dogs are not allowed on the beach but it is not necessary to close the bluffs to off-leash benefits. A few years ago I witnessed 2 dogs running loose on the beach/tidepools. These big dogs were clearly loose from their owner and had attacked a baby seal and killed it. Many birds were circling above, which drew my attention to edge so I could see what the birds were watching. I called the sheriff and park rangers and they were able to apprehend the owner and dogs when they climbed out. Recently I heard that some people believe the dogs ran down from the Bluffs, raced down 100+ foot cliffs, to get to the beach and seal. That is highly unlikely and very nearly impossible outside of falling off the steep cliff. The owner was on the beach with the dogs and they were certainly not hurt from any fall.

Please vote FOR the off-leash pilot programs for the Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. Over my nearly 38 years of walking on the Bluffs, I have not had any problems with well-trained off leash dogs.

Thank you,

Lauryn Agnew

From: [Ginger Cutter](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: In favor of off-leash dog walking
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:46:51 AM

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The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process. Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.

Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive. Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.

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Thank you for considering these views.

Ginger Cutter
215 Avenue Balboa
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

From: [John Cutter](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: ["John-Email "](#)
Subject: In favor of off-leash dog walking
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 7:42:16 PM

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Thank you for considering these views.

John Cutter
215 Avenue Balboa
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
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(415) 515-6172

From: [Michael Cadigan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED "DOGS OFF-LEASH" PILOT PROJECT FOR PILLAR POINT BLUFFS
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:28:41 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a 30 year resident of El Granada, and I urge you to vote to support the pilot off-leash programs, Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks, already approved by the County Board of Supervisors, that have been developed for both Quarry Park in El Granada and for Pillar Point Bluffs County Park in Moss Beach. As I understand it, this will be a 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff, and will be subject to review after the trial year. I participated in the scoping and development of this proposal by attending meetings in Pacifica, Redwood City and El Granada where I saw the breadth and thoroughness of the discussion and consideration of the many facets of having sanctioned off-leash recreation. Among many considerations discussed and researched were how other Bay Area counties and recreation agencies managed off-leash dog recreation. These examples were used to shape the plan as constituted; it is a strong and viable plan. I have been a person with dogs in my life for 40 years; I have recreated in San Francisco and Alameda counties in areas with established off-leash sanctioned areas, and witnessed its success and the byproducts coming from it. At present, I frequently walk with my dog in the Pillar Point Bluffs park. Myself and many local frequent dog owners are very strict about picking up after our dogs, and absolutely adhering to the "no dogs on the beach" rule for Ross Cove and the beach below.

I sincerely hope you will honor the efforts put in by citizens and volunteers, along with County parks staff and rangers, to develop this Plan. The Board of Supervisors voted so, 4-1. Please give this program a chance.

Yours truly,

Michael Cadigan

565 The Alameda El Granada, CA

From: [Todd Valentic](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: I strongly support off leash dog walking at Pillar Point Bluff Trail and Quarry Park
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:56:49 PM

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My family has walked the Bluff trails daily for over a decade with our Labrador retriever. Over those years we have only had wonderfully positive experiences, talking with our neighbors, watching sunsets and smiling as our dogs play with each other. Never once have I encountered a problem between dogs. It has been a very important socialization opportunity for the dogs to interact with each other in a non threatening, positive environment. We specifically bought our house because of the ability to walk to the Bluff trails. I urge you to please do the right thing and support our community by granting this permit. Please do not change what has worked so well for our community for all of these years.

Thank you for listening,
Todd Valentic
Moss Beach

From: [Theresa Stern Valentic](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: I strongly support off leash dog walking at Pillar Point Bluff Trail and Quarry Park
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:30:57 AM

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Dear SMC Planning Commission and MCC,

I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for more than 50 years. This long- practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County and is the primary reason my family moved to the coast. We have used these trails for over eleven years and we don't know what we would do without continued use of them. We have a kind and gentle well behaved Labrador retriever who loves to chase his tennis ball and it is imperative for his health and well being that he's able to continue doing so. We have never encountered a problem in either of these parks in eleven years and we have attended several meetings in the county since 2016 in support of this pilot. I urge you to please do the right thing and support our community by granting this permit. Please do not change what has worked so well for our community for all of these years.

Thank you kindly,

Theresa Valentic
Moss Beach

From: [Li Vellinga](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: I support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:56:33 PM

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Dear Board Members,

I strongly support off leash for dogs at Pillar Point Bluff and Maverick Beach.

Sincerely,

Li Vellinga

From: [Erika Sagrafena](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: I support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:44:18 PM

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I strongly support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There are so few places on the coast for dogs and even fewer places that allow dogs off leash. My experience is that most dog owners are very respectful of the boundaries, controlling their dogs around wildlife, and picking up after their dogs. I believe that there is a balance to protect wildlife resources and allow locals to enjoy these beautiful areas with their beloved pets. I encourage providing additional education to park visitors so they can understand the environmental sensitivity of the area and what they can do to protect it.

Respectfully,
Erika

From: [Britta Carrillo](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: I support off leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:39:32 PM

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I strongly support off leash for dogs at Pillar point- Mavericks beach. This beach is the only safe beach for our dogs, it is imperative for the dogs (and their owners), to be able to exercise and roam free on occasion, at least on one of our beautiful beaches.

Sincerely,
Britta Carrillo

From: [Jill Ohline](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff & Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 6:27:22 PM

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To the members of the SMC Planning Commission:

I LOVE the off-leash dog area at Stulsaft Park in Redwood City. I take my dog there probably 4 days each week. It is lovely. The community of people walking their dogs there is amazing and very responsible. I think the opportunity for off-leash dogs should be more widely available in our county. (My dog is over-joyed by the park!)

I strongly support the off-leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program at BOTH Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. The Pilot Program was carefully crafted by the SMC Parks Department in compliance with all State, County, and Local Coastal Program rules and policies. The Planning Commission should grant the Coastal Development Permit for this program.

There is no opposition to off-leash trails at Quarry Park, a hilly eucalyptus forest, so my comments are solely on the Pillar Point Bluff trails, a level area perfect for a casual, easy stroll with a dog. Of the 24 SMC parks in the system, The Dog Work Group, Parks Department and the Board of Supervisors chose both parks for the Pilot Program because they meet the needs of different users and will provide a true test of whether off-leash trails are viable. The elderly, handicapped and families with children need off-leash trails too, and the Pillar Point Bluff trails are the perfect location for these groups.

County Parks have a default rule "No dogs allowed in any Park". Before the Bluffs were purchased by POST and given to the County, off-leash walking on the trails occurred on a continuous and uninterrupted basis, so this is not a new use, as noted by Supervisor Horsley (District 3) when the BOS voted by 4-1 to approve the Pilot Program.

Sanctioning 1.8 miles of trails on the Bluff will dramatically reduce off-leash dogs in the other parts of the Bluff. The Pilot Program includes entry fencing and additional signage clearly delineating where off-leash dogs are not permitted. Dog owners will have trails for their controlled off-leash dogs, a loop, so there is no need to use other Bluff trails. The clear demarcation of the off-leash and on-leash trails will also make enforcement easier.

Responsible dog owners will help police the few bad park users who cause problems. Dog owners want to keep sanctioned off-leash trails, and know that if off-leash dogs misbehave or dog owners don't follow the pilot program rules (stay on trails, pick up waste, etc), they will lose their legal off-leash trails and any future off-leash opportunities.

The Pilot Program only includes sections of two Bluff trails. This land is zoned agricultural and not protected sensitive habitat. One of the reasons the multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group, after 5 years and 31 public meetings, recommended these particular trails (and the BOS agreed) is that there is NO access to the beach, ocean or Fitzgerald Marine Reserve near these trails. Nature has provided the perfect barrier, a cliff. Even the environmentalist on the Work Group, Jerry Hearn, an advisory board member of Green Foothills, promoted these off-leash

trails at the Bluff (and Quarry Park) noting that they had less environmental impact than other SMC parks.

Thank you for recognizing the need for the first ever County off-leash dog trails at the two parks carefully selected as perfect places for the Pilot Program.

Sincerely,
Jill Ohline, Redwood City

From: [Ruth Brosius](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff & Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 6:45:53 PM

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To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Cc: [Howard Cohen](#)
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Best
Rohini Chakravarthy

From: [Colleen Crangle](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Cc: info@peninsuladogpac.org
Subject: I SUPPORT the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff & Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:36:11 PM

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From: [Sally Cooper](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
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Sally Cooper
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From: [Chase Lyall](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
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From: [Sarah](#)
To: [Janneth Lujan](#); [Planning Commission](#)
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From: [mehdi dalvand](mailto:mehdi.dalvand)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: I SUPPORT the Off-Leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff & Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:19:42 PM

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Mehdi Dalvand
dalvandmehdi@gmail.com

From: [Thomas Ciotti](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to Proposed Off-leash Dog Program at FMR's Pillar Point Bluff Trails
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:54:52 AM
Attachments: [Ranger Log Books.pdf](#)

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I have lived in Montara for over 30 years (25 of which with dogs) and am an almost 20 year long Volunteer Naturalist and Board Member of the Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

1. The 2004 Fitzgerald Marine Reserve (FMR) Master Plan (MP) applies to the Pillar Point Bluffs (PPB) and restricts dog presence there to only on-leash dog walking on the CA Coastal Trail. San Mateo County Parks' (Parks) website relating to PPB states, "When San Mateo County adopted the MP in 2004, it had identified these lands for acquisition... Parks acquired PPB with a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board as an addition to FMR in 2011." So PPB is a part of FMR and the MP anticipated it being so.

The Natural Resource Management Program section of the MP (pg 41) states, "The primary goal of the MP is to preserve the natural resources of the Reserve and to enhance them through careful management." In other words, preservation and enhancement of the Reserve's natural resources was prioritized above everything else, including recreational activities. Policy 11 (pg 45) recognizes that dogs are detrimental to the Reserve's natural resources, stating: "Due to the potential for impacts to biological resources from predation or disease, dogs are not allowed within the Reserve. This policy will prevent interference with and mortality of native species. Dogs will be allowed only on leash on the California Coastal Trail".

So when PPB became part of FMR in 2011 Parks became responsible for preserving the PPB's natural resources in accordance with Policy 11. This is so regardless of the facts that PPB was once pasture land and that PPB is zoned Agriculture by San Mateo County and whether or not it includes "sensitive habitat".

2. There has been an ongoing, continuous pattern of violations of Parks' dog policy. FFMR Board Members inspected Parks' FMR Ranger's Log Books for 2018-2021 for reports of dog policy violations. The results of those inspections in tabulated form are attached hereto. In brief, they evidence frequent and continuing violations at FMR areas that have been clearly restricted for decades, including Ross' Cove/Frenchman's Reef, Seal Cove, the Bluff Top Trail, and the Main Entrance Ramp. The tabulations also evidence frequent and continuing violations of the on-leash only policy at the PPB Trails. Also proponents of the subject Program admit that the Coastside community has been walking dogs off leash at PPB for 50+ years. Since PPB became part of FMR 10 years ago, that activity has been unlawful! They now ironically ask Parks to reward 10+ years of bad behavior by legitimizing it by implementing the subject Program.

The tabulation also shows that Parks has been unable to effectively manage FMR dog policy to prevent violations because many dog owners ignore that policy.

3. Having a more lax dog policy for PPB than the rest of FMR is irrational, inconsistent, and confusing. The MP mandates that there should be uniform preservation of natural resources and only one dog policy for all of FMR. Are dogs less detrimental to the PPB natural resources than to those at the rest of FMR? Are the natural resources at PPB more dog-proof than those at the rest of FMR? Are the natural resources at PPB less worthy of preservation than those at the rest of FMR? NO, NO, NO. FMR natural resources preservation would be better served by having Rangers spend time enforcing Policy 11 rather than on trying, per the monitoring provisions of the subject Program, to determine if a dog is only off trail less than 10 feet, is within 25 feet of its owner, or takes less than 10 seconds to respond to a voice call-back, or whether an owner who is looking at his/her cell phone is in vision control of his/her dog.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ciotti, Co-Vice President Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer Glynn](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Grant the Coastal Development Permit CDP-2
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:05:04 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am an eight year resident of Half Moon Bay in the Alsace-Lorraine neighborhood. I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. I have enjoyed these areas to walk my dog and our many dog friendly walking areas is one of the reasons I moved to Half Moon Bay.

I know there have been many meetings/discussions around this top and since 2016 there have been over 30 public Dog Walking meetings and work groups held by the San Mateo County Parks Commissions and residents of the coastside have worked hard to protect those rights. and work with the community on guidelines.

Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive. Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.

The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park. For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.

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foot cliff separating the Blufftop from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only.

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Thank you for your consideration of these points. Please vote to support the off-leash pilots at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Blufftop and grant the Coastal Development Permit.

Jennifer Glynn
Resident Half Moon Bay

From: [DAVID OLIPHANT](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Half moon bay leash law
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 12:58:40 PM

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Good morning. Wanted to let you know that we live and own businesses here at the coast in Half Moon Bay and El Granada and fully support the off leash dog initiative for the coast. Please vote in favor.

sent from david oliphant
cell - 650.445.8145

From: [Kerry Boyd](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Janneth Lujan](#)
Subject: For Planning Commission 2-9-22 Hearing to Grant a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the Off-leash Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:27:01 PM

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Kerry Boyd
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From: [Pamela Eakins](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Dogs at Pillar Point
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:56:05 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,
I sent the letter below earlier today. I signed it as an environmentalist, but I did not list my credentials. I am a member of Green Foothills, the Marine Mammal Center, Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Sierra Club. I think we need to go forward with the dog pilot program as outlined. See my letter below

Pamela Eakins, Ph.D.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pamela Eakins <pamelahmb@aol.com>
Date: January 24, 2022 at 8:08:24 AM PST
To: planning-commission@smcgov.org
Subject: Dogs at Pillar Point

Dear Planning Commission,
I believe the letter from Lennie Roberts raises many important points, however, these points have already been addressed in depth for several years by the planning commission. Yes, Pillar Point is a sensitive area. The dog walkers are proposing a loop which does not include Ross's Cove Trail. Dogs would be off leash primarily on the east side of the bluff.

The idea was a pilot program for one year meeting the requirements as laid out by the planning commission. As I remember these included picking up dog waste, no disturbance of wildlife, no disturbance of archaeological sites, and no other incidents with dogs or people etc.

I believe it is fair to try this pilot program. I have lived in Seal Cove for almost 40 years and I walk the bluffs almost every day. In all this time, there has been one single incident with Wildlife. Let's remember: Pillar Point was off leash for decades, and there never was a problem. The dog walkers have *always* been extremely respectful. For example, you *rarely* see dog poop on or around the trails at Pillar Point.

Thank you for voting to support the trial off leash program at Pillar Point Bluff.

Sincerely,
Pamela Eakins, Ph.D., Environmentalist & full participant in the Coastside community

Pamela Eakins
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Amanda H Lueck](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: midcoast.claire@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: pilot off-leash dog program at Pillar Point Bluffs
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:15:06 PM

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Dear Ms. Lujan,

RE: PLN2021-00333

Per a suggestion by Claire Toutant from the Midcoast Community Council (see below), I am forwarding my original post to the Council for their meeting tonight (1/26/2022) for your review. As stated in the e-mail, my letter comes after much discussion has passed. But I felt it important to voice my concerns nonetheless.

I hope that you will forward the letter to appropriate parties as needed, and I thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Amanda Lueck

Amanda Lueck, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita
Department of Special Education
San Francisco State University

From: CLAIRE TOUTANT <midcoast.claire@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:46 PM
To: Amanda H Lueck <amandal@sfsu.edu>
Cc: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com <midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: pilot off-leash dog program at Pillar Point Bluffs

Thank you for contacting the MCC about this topic, which will be on the agenda for the January 26 meeting.
If you do not intend to speak at the meeting and would like your written comments cited at the meeting, please indicate that, but time may limit the ability to read letters verbatim.
Please consider sending your comments to the San Mateo County Planning Commission as well, if you have not already done so.

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 7:04 PM Amanda H Lueck <amandal@sfsu.edu> wrote:
Dear Midcoast Community Council,

I realize that this letter is too little and too late but I am sending it anyway. If you would kindly read it, I would be most appreciative. It is with deep regret that I have learned through Nextdoor via a post about a recent dog attack at FMR that will be discussed at your meeting tomorrow night. It seems as though the plan will be passed. I did not know that the plan was so developed and that the lobbying group was so vocal and so strong.

I am a quiet resident of Montara, and I imagine there are many other quiet dog owners and quiet people who do not own dogs along the Coast who will be impacted by the proposed plan. I rarely participate in social media (I read some posts on Nextdoor that come into my inbox), I do not attend many community events because I have a severe-profound hearing impairment and can't hear what is happening at most of them. (There are rarely accommodations for the hearing impaired.) I am sad that you have not heard my voice before. I know that it is too late but it was important for me, personally, to write to you. I will miss walking the trail as it will no longer be possible with the proposed rules-change due to my disability.

I have been walking the bluffs for years as a resident of Montara since 1997. With my severe-profound hearing impairment, I have been gifted the use of a certified service dog (a hearing dog) who walks with me and protects me. I am not allowed to leave the service dog (worth about \$40,000) off-leash except in enclosed spaces (the dog does not belong to me), and the training organization (Canine Companions with a national base in Santa Rosa) asks us not to take their dogs to dog parks that may have sick or unruly animals. The dogs are bred to be gentle and friendly and will not defend themselves if attacked by another dog. They are there to do a job and they do it well. Since the trail will essentially become a dog park, I cannot go there with my trusted dog.

In recent years, I have noticed that the number of illegally unleashed dogs on the trail have increased. It has been disheartening to me. I have had to stop and wait for the handler to leash the unleashed dog as I stand at a distance or ask them to do so in order to walk safely by. I don't know if a dog is 'friendly' or not. If dogs come from behind, I cannot hear them. My dog will alert me by subtle changes in posture if a dog approaching from behind is a highly active one, but otherwise I would not know. While some dogs do maintain their place alongside their handlers as they walk (they are to be admired), many off-leash dogs approach my dog as though they were in a dog park and encourage my dog to interact. I do not want my dog to interact in case the approaching dog becomes aggressive or is ill. The owners most often do not call the dogs away until I ask my dog to sit and stay and move to reposition my dog away. The handlers have known that they are in the wrong, but this does not deter them.

Now that is going to change. Off-leash dogs will be allowed. Because of this change, as a

person with a disability, I will surely not walk along my beloved trail anymore. It will not be safe for me or for my dog. I cannot imagine what it will be like. I do not see how the new rules will be followed since the previous on-leash rule was repeatedly and blatantly violated. Nor do I see how the new off-leash rules will realistically be enforced. It is not enough to post the rules without some type of enforcement method. As people come from out-of-town when they learn about this new trail for unleashed dogs, it will be even harder to enforce any rules. I suspect local dog owners will be the most respectful.

I do wonder if PLN2021-00333 takes into account the needs of people with disabilities who, like me, would like to share this particular trail but which will now not be realistically open to them with a bona fide service dog who must be kept safe. I see nothing about this in the proposed plan that I saw online, but perhaps I have not seen the final one.

I do thank you for reading this note. And I thank every member of the Council for all you do to help the Coastsides.

Sincerely,
Amanda Lueck

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
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From: [Pamela Eakins](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Dogs at Pillar Point
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:08:37 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I believe the letter from Lennie Roberts raises many important points, however, these points have already been addressed in depth for several years by the planning commission. Yes, Pillar Point is a sensitive area. The dog walkers are proposing a loop which does not include Ross's Cove Trail. Dogs would be off leash primarily on the east side of the bluff.

The idea was a pilot program for one year meeting the requirements as laid out by the planning commission. As I remember these included picking up dog waste, no disturbance of wildlife, no disturbance of archaeological sites, and no other incidents with dogs or people etc.

I believe it is fair to try this pilot program. I have lived in Seal Cove for almost 40 years and I walk the bluffs almost every day. In all this time, there has been one single incident with Wildlife. Let's remember: Pillar Point was off leash for decades, and there never was a problem. The dog walkers have *always* been extremely respectful. For example, you *rarely* see dog poop on or around the trails at Pillar Point.

Thank you for voting to support the trial off leash program at Pillar Point Bluff.

Sincerely,

Pamela Eakins, Ph.D., Environmentalist & full participant in the Coastside community

Pamela Eakins
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joel Farbstein](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Email in support of granting a CDP for off-leash dog walking (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:44:31 AM

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Greetings. I support off-leash dog walking and urge you to grant a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) to broaden the areas in the pilot programs at Quarry Park, Pillar Point Blufftop, and in Rancho Corral de Tierra.

Families have been walking dogs off-leash in these areas for decades, and the off-leash trails that have been proposed for inclusion in this program were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In fact, designating specific areas for off-leash walking may provide greater environmental protection for other (more sensitive) areas at Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.

Dogs are an integral part of many families, and their presence along this section of the California coast is part of the "coastal charm" so many people speak of when they think of this area.

I have participated in several meetings of the San Mateo County Parks department's Dog Work Group, and have seen the overwhelming support for the concept of off-leash dog walking. I would conscientiously monitor the areas designated in the pilot program to ensure minimal impact on the environment, and I encourage you to grant the CDP as I firmly believe dogs contribute to people's healthier quality of life.
Sincerely, /s/ Joel Farbstein

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From: [Kate Kostrzewa](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Pilot Dog Program Bluffs & Quarry Park - please vote yes!
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:44:06 PM

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Dear Planning Commission:

I was unable to attend but just watched the recording of the very long MCC meeting regarding this issue. I strongly object to the letter that the MCC approved. I do not think it accurately reflects the majority of community input. It does reflect several MCC members own personal opinions as stated during the meeting, ignores the many people favorable to the pilot project and ignores all the hard work that went into getting things to this point. I hope you will reject the MCC input and approve the dog pilot program at your February 9 meeting.

Very truly yours,

Kate Kostrzewa, Esq.

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From: Kate Kostrzewa <kate@kdklegal.com>
Sent: January 25, 2022 19:34
To: CLAIRE TOUTANT <midcoast.claire@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Support for Pilot Dog Program Bluffs & Quarry Park - please vote yes!

Thank you for your response. I am unable to attend. No need to read the comments. Please just take note of them. I assume you tally pro & con input received.

I am in favor of the dog pilot program at both locations. Yes, same email was already sent to the Planning Commission.

After I sent it, I read the draft comments. In response, I support the dog pilot program on the bluffs

and am fine with the signage and other reasonable suggestions you propose, but not your recommendation to approve only for Quarry Park and not for the bluffs. Among other reasons because you are then pushing everyone to a single location instead of spreading use across 2 sites.

Also, no one I know who walks their dog at the bluffs would ever take them to FMR or Ross' Cove. And the idea that a dog would, on its own, head all the way down there without it's owner, I find highly improbable. Especially from where the proposal for the project is located.

Very truly yours,

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On Jan 25, 2022, at 18:14, CLAIRE TOUTANT <midcoast.claire@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the MCC about this topic, which will be on the agenda for the January 26 meeting.

If you do not intend to speak at the meeting and would like your written comments cited at the meeting, please indicate that, but letters of more than 300 words or which take more time than will be available for oral comments cannot be read verbatim.

Please consider sending your comments to the San Mateo County Planning

Commission as well, if you have not already done so.

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 3:03 PM Kate Kostrzewa <kate@kdklegal.com> wrote:

I support the pilot program. I have spoken with other dog walkers and we all support the program. I am also in agreement with the points below.

- **I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.** The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.
- **The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process.** Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.
- **Areas at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park that are included in the off-leash pilot are NOT environmentally sensitive.** Pillar Point Bluff is a former dairy farm and zoned agricultural according to San Mateo County's LCP. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest. Dogs have been walked off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. During the Dog Work Group process, County Parks' Natural Resource staff

conducted an environmental review of both Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff. Off-leash trails were designated only in areas not deemed sensitive. In addition, a CEQA review, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP), was conducted by consulting firm WRA. As a result, no potential significant environmental impacts are expected from the pilot program. Lastly, according to San Mateo County's LCP Midcoast Sensitive Habitats map, the off-leash pilot program is not in sensitive habitat areas.

- **The off-leash pilot program will provide greater environmental and visitor use protection to Pillar Point Bluffs and Quarry Park.** For decades, off-leash dog walking (the norm) has been unmanaged at both sites. For the first time, the pilot project will provide dog owners with clear demarcation of which trails are okay for recreational off-leash dog walking and which are not. It also lays out strict guidelines for dogs and their owners to minimize impact on the environment and on others without dogs or leashed dogs. The pilot includes the strictest off-leash rules in CA and limits the number of dogs that can be off-leash at two per person. It includes a detailed monitoring plan to track any impacts.
- **Contrary to some claims, off-leash dogs are NOT running from Pillar Point Bluff down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach.** There is a 100+ foot cliff separating the Blufftop from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only.
- **Contrary to some claims, the off-leash pilot program is NOT expected to significantly increase park usage.** Other Bay Area counties offer a wealth of off-leash dog walking trails and beaches for their residents to enjoy on their doorsteps—a more enticing option than navigating heavy weekend traffic. In addition, the reality is that the pilot's strict rules and

two-dog limit will keep many dog owners away.

Very truly yours,

Kate Kostrzewa, Esq.

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Claire Toutant

Chair, Midcoast Community Council

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From: jmbrinck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Julia Brinckloe](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:27:59 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

A sensitive habitat should never be an off-leash area, because dogs are dogs. They want to explore and play and chase wildlife. Pillar Point Bluff is a place where sensitive wildlife are safe, and thus congregate there--ripe for the picking. I do believe certain areas should be off-leash that are NOT, like Montara Beach. My dog would love to race around crazy and roll in the sand. But that is a different issue.

I appeal to you to keep Pillar Point on-leash. It doesn't mean people can't walk or jog their dogs there, but only that owners can keep them from harming the very wildlife we all go to enjoy. It's their Coastside, too.

I don't have much hope for this; many vocal dog owners insist their dogs won't harm wildlife and only want to run free. I get that. But off leash means out of control, and dogs cannot be expected to curb their appetite to chase and grab. And ultimately destroy a habitat we have worked so hard to protect.

Thank you for accepting comment.

Julia M. Brinckloe
Montara

Sincerely,
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From: margaret@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Margaret MacNiven](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: samnaifeh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sam Naifeh](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:48:52 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: moises@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Moises Mena](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:42:23 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Claudia Kuchinski](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Dog Walking Pilot Program
Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 4:19:30 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my full support for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash dog pilot program at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, and to urge you to grant a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333). Families, seniors, and others have walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

San Mateo County Parks' off-leash pilot program and dog walking rules were developed via a four-year, multi-stakeholder public process. Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff trails were selected for the pilot based on their long history of off-leash recreation, overwhelming public support for legal off-leash trails at these sites, and natural resource considerations. Quarry Park is mostly eucalyptus forest and Pillar Point Bluff is former agricultural/grazing land sandwiched between industrial Airport Street and a 150-foot cliff.

A CEQA environmental review was completed for the pilot program, including the development of an Adaptive Management Plan. As a result, no significant environmental impacts are expected from the off-leash pilot program. Moreover, San Mateo County Parks believes that providing some sanctioned off-leash access will not displace other recreational users.

On February 9, I am asking that you please vote in support of a Coastal Development Permit for County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which has been approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Parks Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Claudia Kuchinski
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From: baden50@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Irma Morawietz](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:10:47 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please protect Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit!

Quarry Park has already been designated for a trial off leash study. It should not be all 8 miles of the trails!

The beaches are not now protected from off leash dogs and their droppings.
I not only pick up garbage left behind from people but dog droppings as well.

People and dogs roaming free on beaches don't mix!

Thank you, Irma Morawietz

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From: nwouk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nina Wouk](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:57:15 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I love dogs and support off leash dog parks but only in places that are safe for the dogs, their people, other people, and other animals. I don't think Pillar Point Bluff is one of those. Our dogs ran quite happily along parts of Ocean Beach in SF for many years and I like to see other dogs enjoy the beach but it has to be the right beach. We have hiked Pillar Point Bluff a lot over the years but kept our dogs on leash there.

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

Sincerely,
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From: karenzamel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [karen zamel](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:28:42 AM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: maggiemah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Maggie Mah](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 1:07:33 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As a responsible dog owner, I appreciate sensible off-leash areas. However, Pillar Point Bluff is not an appropriate place for dogs to have unrestricted access. The wildlife that inhabit this sensitive area deserve to be free of disturbance caused by dogs off leash which is sure to happen. Contact with wildlife also puts dogs at risk for diseases and bacterial infections. Please vote "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. I support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

I do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: marbeach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Pasternak](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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From: mary@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Kenney](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 3:39:11 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: dulcydoyle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dulcy Doyle](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:28:57 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

Thank you for your consideration, Dulcy Doyle

Sincerely,
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dulcydoyle@outlook.com

From: eporzig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ellen Porzig](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. We arg owners yet we believe dogs are dangerous to wildlife. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Ellen Porzig
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eporzig@stanford.edu

From: mhmcmahon240@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary-Helen McMahan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please vote "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. Off leash dogs can be quite problematic to other walkers (especially the elderly), other leashed dogs, habitats and wildlife. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: larens7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Neff](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:09:25 PM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

This is a huge issue for me, as my husband was bitten by a dog that was off leash in quarry park and the owners thought it was funny. He had 2 major bites and had to go to the dr, because they were so deep. The dog was hanging off his leg while he was riding his bike, he thought he got caught in his chain until he looked down. People need to be responsible for their pets. Please keep the safety of people in mind
Thank you

Sincerely,
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From: judydowning@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Downing](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

I love dogs and have one of my own. I cannot imagine why dogs are more important than wildlife and people. These will be so impacted by unleashed dogs. As far as I am concerned dogs should always be leashed unless in a fenced dog park.

Thank you Judy Downing

Sincerely,
Judith Downing
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judydowning@sbcglobal.net

From: ishka@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kate Ashley](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

For the safety of dogs and wildlife please implement this.

Thank you.

Kate Ashley

Sincerely,
Kate Ashley
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From: fire7lily@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lily Feldman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:26:06 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

For the love of the wilderness,

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Lily Feldman
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From: kmadsen728@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Karen Madsen](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As a Volunteer Naturalist at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, I do not support the proposed Off-leash Dog Pilot Program along the coastal trails at Pillar Point Bluff. I strongly encourage the San Mateo Planning Commissioners to reject San Mateo County Park's request for a Coastal Development Permit for this project.

The trails along the bluff are places of sensitive habitat and endangered species that need to be restored and protected, not over-run with off-leash dogs. The Pillar Point Bluff trails are adjacent to and closely linked to the shoreline below, which is a haven for birds, tidepool marine life and harbor seals. These animals are highly vulnerable to disturbance by dogs. If you are a harbor seal, dogs are a predator. This fact was made very clear when a dog killed a harbor seal on the beach just below the bluff.

I have hiked these bluff trails for years and my experience has shown me that off-leash dogs are not controlled by dog owners, nor the San Mateo County Parks Dept. Current signs clearly state dogs must be on-leash but my observations over many years are that about 50% of the dogs are off-leash and uncontrolled by their owners. These off-leash dogs leave the trail, damage native species of plants and threaten wildlife. The off-leash dogs also make hiking these trails an unpleasant experience for those of us who want to enjoy these public lands. I have had off-leash dogs jump up on me, stick their noses in my crotch and charge me.

I would prefer to see dogs completely banned from this area. However, I would support retaining the current on-leash dog access along the bluff trails, if the on-leash requirement is enforced by San Mateo County Parks. There are many responsible dog owners who keep their dogs on leash and I would like them to still have access to this area. However, access to nature must be managed responsibly to ensure healthy biological diversity and, unfortunately, San Mateo County Parks has done a very poor job of enforcing the current on-leash requirement.

Finally, this property was purchased by San Mateo County in 2011 from the Peninsula Open Space Trust with a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board. My understanding is that the grant required wildlife conservation in the area --- in my opinion, the County is not in compliance with this requirement due to the fact that off-leash dogs have been destroying the habitat for wildlife in this area for many years.

I do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: carolelfgrace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carole Grace](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My husband and I often walk along Pillar Point Bluff with our small dog. Even with the current on leash rules, we frequently come across dogs off leash who are not well controlled by their owners. Off leash dogs have jumped up on us, slammed into us from behind and terrified our small dog. Dogs love to race through the brush off leash, and if allowed will run through sensitive wildlife habitat. Dog owners usually don't- and often can't- clean up after off leash dogs who poop far off trail. Decades ago, I used to run my dogs along the beaches and bluffs, but haven't done that in nearly 40 years as I realize the increase in population density of the bay area has put tremendous pressure on the wildlife of this region.

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

Sincerely,
Carole Grace
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carolelfgrace@gmail.com

From: judithamurphy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Judith Murphy](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please do not put the sensitive habitats at Pillar Point at risk.

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Judith Murphy
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judithamurphy@prodigy.net

From: katherinewarne@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathy Warne](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Kathy Warne
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katherinewarne@gmail.com

From: annegalli316@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Anne Galli](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Anne Galli
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From: jpennell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joyce Pennell](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: michaela.donohue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michaela Donohue](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 2:14:23 PM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Michaela Donohue
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michaela.donohue@gmail.com

From: millardld@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Millard](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Dear Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

If I have a dog but like to walk/run/play without a care on the beach- what do I do? I try to get an ordinance passed that lets my dog run wherever he likes so I can be liberated. I have my individual rights, therefore my dog must have his. I don't care about wildlife being threatened or scaring children, adults or the elderly. My personal freedom trumps my community's safety.

In my community, we have a strong leash law. Without it dogs would be doing what they do best- run after anything that moves. Dogs bite too and get into fights that often end up badly for those who try to separate them. For dog lovers, we have a dog park that suits the dogs just fine. They run, interact with other dogs and get lots of exercise without endangering anyone.

Dogs should not be allowed at Pillar Point Bluff or any adjacent areas without a leash. FULL STOP. PLEASE VOTE "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. I fully support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at PP Bluff. This has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

Quarry Park is a far better area for dogs to be off-leash, provided some of its trails be off-limits to dogs. This would mean everyone can enjoy the park.

Sincerely,
Linda Millard
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From: nancy.barnby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [nancy barnby](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Oh, please, NO on this proposed Off-Leash program! Just today I learned of two sets of older friends who went walking at Pillar Point this past weekend. Do they want to contend with loose dogs?

But mostly we must protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting “No” on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. I do support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

I can support the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dog so that all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
nancy barnby
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nancy.barnby@gmail.com

From: jglaplante@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [James LaPlante](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Council Members & Planning Commissioners -

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Sincerely,
James LaPlante
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jglaplante@yahoo.com

From: grhasbro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Grace Hasbrook](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Added, some people do not like dogs and some are even afraid of them. Please keep lease laws in place as they are now.

Sincerely,
Grace Hasbrook
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grhasbro@pacbell.net

From: ssulljm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [jim sullivan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:03:15 PM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

YES for off leash dog 12 month test on specific trails along Pillar Point Bluff.

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "yes" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is little to no risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff. We support effective and consistent enforcement of off-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
jim sullivan
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From: soafjulie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Julie Dull](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:47:05 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Off leash dogs?!???

You can't be serious!!!

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Sincerely,
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soafjulie@gmail.com

From: majdajones@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Majda Jones](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

There are so many reasons not to consider a pilot program for off leash dogs at Pilar Point Bluff. Let's start with people like me who are older hikers but are afraid of dogs BECAUSE I WAS ATTACKED BY AN UNLEASHED DOG ON PUBLIC TRAILS. The rights of dogs over people are being fostered, and this is not acceptable to taxpayers.

Also there is the need to protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff. Please do so by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

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Sincerely,
Majda Jones
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majdajones@gmail.com

From: susan.curran@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Curran](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Truly, in this time of extreme climate disruption everywhere, it is past time to put Nature first, and to do everything in our power to preserve our fragile habitats. There are plenty of other options for dogs and their owners to enjoy without putting Nature at more risk.

Sincerely,
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From: tkraab@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ted K.Raab](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Pillar Point is a biological hotspot linking plankton, fisheries, upwelling, and seabirds, and have observed feeding aggregations myself. This can only contribute to healthier fisheries. Runoff from pets can transmit Parvovirus, feline distemper, and other zoonotic diseases..

Sincerely,
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From: lmahoney13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lisa Munro](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:51:53 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: dianamorgan4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diana Morgan-Hickey](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: mattman41@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Matt Burrows](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
Matt Burrows
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From: stacy.sabol@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Stacy Sabol](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:04:35 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please deny the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff, adjacent to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach. I walk that bluff daily as I live in the neighborhood, and already the lack of leash enforcement has led to dogs running off-trail and disturbing natural habitat, wildlife and other people is a daily occurrence.

Dog owners who wish to let their dogs off-lease can use other close-by more suitable trails: Quarry Park, also proposed for the Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program, is just 2 ½ miles away, Half Moon Bay's Coastside Dog Park (7 miles), Pacifica's Esplanade Beach (11 miles), and Fort Funston (17 miles).

We need to get this right. Pillar Point Bluff and the adjacent Ross' Cove Beach and rocky tidepools support more sensitive habitats and special status species than any other comparable County Park area.

Sincerely,
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From: karenaifeh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Karen Naifeh](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly urge you to protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting “No” on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. As a birder, I am all too aware that here is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. My husband and I strongly support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: kelsey131@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Barbara Kelsey](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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As a dog owner myself,, I ask you to please preserve this beautiful habitat.

Sincerely,
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From: cabomail@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carol Cook](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: artmaster51@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jonathan Fisher](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: chipbgoldstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chip Goldstein](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
Chip Goldstein
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chipbgoldstein@gmail.com

From: susanlessin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Lessin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: lewis.cristina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cristina Lewis](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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I monitor these beaches as a volunteer, and also conduct harbor seal count surveys as a volunteer. In addition, I serve as a volunteer for the Marine Mammal Center, and I often witness dogs that harass injured marine mammals on the beaches. Those dogs are already illegally off-leash on nearby beaches. I sometimes see dogs on the beaches at Ross's cove, and often at Seal Cove, even though ANY DOGS are clearly forbidden within the Marine Sanctuary. Even with clear signage, the rules are broken, and marine wildlife, including baby seals, are put at grave peril by dogs, even on-leash dogs. My concern is that by making the bluffs off-leash, the rules for the beach will continue to be broken at an even greater pace. How can the distinction clearly be made that the bluffs are off-leash while the beaches below allow NO DOGS AT ALL? The beaches below the Pillar Point Bluffs are part of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Protected area, and this must be supported. The harbor seal pupping area is too fragile to support off-leash dogs on the bluff above, because doing so will only increase the illegal traffic of dogs on the FMR protected beaches.

Also, the plans for the pilot are insufficient in their plans for monitoring and enforcement (virtually none). In all my many hikes in the coastal areas, the percentage of dogs that are under true voice control is vanishingly small. To couple this fact with a minimal enforcement plan for the off-leash policy means that most off-leash dogs will be out of control of their owners, which is currently the case in any other off-leash areas I have observed.

I do support the entirety of Quarry Park to be off-leash, if an off-leash area is deemed necessary. Or I would support the entirety of Wavecrest Park to be off-leash. This area offers miles of flat trails that are excellent for dog-walking.

Please do not support the permit for Off-Leash dogs at the Pillar Point Bluffs. I am extremely disappointed that the Board of Supervisors ignored the > 200 letters in opposition to the permit.

Sincerely,
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From: wcleikam@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bill Leikam](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: jbenioff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jeanne Benioff](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
Jeanne Benioff
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From: lisa.fox716@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [lisa fox](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I live near Pillar Point and hike the area often so I am accutely aware of the wide variety of wildlife in that area; both flora and fauna. Also, due to past experiences in the area, I am timid around unleashed dogs (I have been attacked near there by off leash dogs). I understand that you are considering allowing off-leash dogs in that area and wriitng to express my extreme concern at the prospect.

I am dismayed to see many parts of our very special ecosystem here endangered or outright damaged as a result of easing protections afforded by the Coastal Act and County LCP. As

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I also hike Quarry Park on occassion and do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, although I have serious qualms about the will or ability to enforce such a proviso.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
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From: bill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bill Korbholz](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: jadjad@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janet davis](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I have been a dog owner for decades and am also a staunch supporter of wildlife. I have experienced numerous problems with other dogs and dog owners in situation such as are proposed. I have seen dogs mauled, owners getting in fights, police called, and ensuing lawsuits because of badly controlled dogs. A similar problem arose several years ago at the Stanford Dish. People used to be allowed to bring their dogs on the hikes until irresponsible people let their dogs chase and injure the cattle and dogs in addition to chasing the wildlife. The Pillar Point area is a precious natural resource that should be allowed to survive. There are other near by places for people to take their dogs that are not so vulnerable.

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Sincerely,
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From: tucson103@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Bryan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please do not OK the plan to try a year's trial of off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff and Ross Cove Beach. Dogs are already allowed there ON LEASH. I come all the way from Menlo Park to walk the bluffs. Plenty of people find it perfectly acceptable to walk their dogs ON LEASH on the trails. People have to stay on the trails. Why would dogs get to go traipsing off through the sensitive coastal scrub that lines the path. This vegetation is hanging on to a hard life. If you allow off-leash dogs to run off from owners poop and pee all over the plants, you will ruin the sensitive habitat. Do you expect owners to follow their dogs into the brush to find the excrement?

I am a member of the County Parks Association. I know that there is a plan for a trial of one-year off-leash dogs at Quarry Park just a few miles away. I have been to quarry Park. It is mostly non-native eucalyptus trees. It's a VERY different habitat. Why can't dog owners drive a few miles further to let their pets run wild?

Wildlife and wildlife habitats don't have a voice -- or at least one humans can hear. But I'm sure every at-risk plant hanging onto the coastal scrub at Pillar Point is screaming in protest of letting dogs run amok among them.

Off-leash dogs also limited access for people who are scared of dogs -- or who have little children who are scared of dogs. I've had many instances of off-leash dogs running up to me at other places and the owner -- too far away to do anything to control the animal -- has yelled out, "He/She's friendly." Well, that's no guarantee to me. And I have already had a shock of fear run through me, upsetting what was a calm walk. My body has already sensed danger -- and the adrenaline rush has shocked my system. I am no longer having a pleasant, tranquil walk on the neighborhood street or in a park. Dog owners can't seem to understand how disruptive their pets are by simply being off leash and running up to someone. They don't see anything happen. But something happens inside the body of anyone who feels threatened by dogs -- for whatever reason. It's an innate reaction triggered by any uncontrolled animal running up.

Dogs off-leash, even for a trial, would limit access to the coastal bluffs for people like me who feel threatened by dogs -- much as we'd like to be friendly or permissive -- our bodies simply react. Too many of these encounters means we will avoid the park. In other words, if dogs run off-leash, we feel unwelcome there. It is no longer a tranquil environment.

Sincerely,
Susan Bryan
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From: sandy.sloan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sandy Sloan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please do not allow off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff.

The habitat is full of wildlife and off-leash dogs are frightening. Just last week when my husband and I were there, a runner with three off-leash dogs appeared--frightening our grandchildren and running wild while growling at each other. On-leash dogs are fine, but this beautiful sensitive place is not a place for off-leash dogs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: onnoleet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Onnolee Trapp](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: petef2896@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Pete T](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:25:56 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Why should a current minority of Pillar Point Bluff users (off leash dog owners) be allowed to take over a pristine coastal area while many other recreational users (i.e., seniors, families, walkers, hikers, runners, cyclists and on leash dog owners) will be pushed out due to concerns over out of control off leash dogs. Just last week I saw a group of 20 elementary school children with two teachers on the PPB. Do you think schools will be able to continue with their PPB field trips?

I have been enjoying the Bluff for the last 20 years and estimate that 20 - 30% of the current users are off leash dog owners. Approx. 70-80% of current Bluff users fall under the "other recreational users". Many neighbors (on leash dog owners) stopped walking their dogs on PPB due to off leash dogs and irresponsible owners. I have been chased and hurt by off leash dogs while running or biking on the PPB.

How long do you think it will take for PPB and the adjacent beach / wetland areas to become a second Fort Funston Doggie Beach ("An off leash doggie beach with a huge area of tons of trails. There are typically hundreds of well socialized and well-behaved dogs for your dog to play with") after the pilot program is approved?

Social media will promote PPB as an off-leash dog destination for the Bay Area. The Dog Group already broadcasted the plan for PPB and support letters came in from places like Berkley, Los Altos and the East Bay. Where will all the new out of town off leash dog owners park? The Mavericks parking lot is full on most days. On Ocean Blvd in Moss Beach?

The San Mateo Parks Department has been missing in action for many years. How many resources will be added to enforce the new regulations, protect sensitive habitat, marine life, and the other recreational PPB users?

Please protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
Pete T
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From: lindalieb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Liebes](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:29:06 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. This vote will protect sensitive habitats, wildlife, and public safety for all at Pillar Point Bluff.

There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, as well as park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove if dogs aren't leashed. I support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff. This has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

I am okay with the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

As someone who has great respect and, to be frank, fear of some dogs, I strongly urge you to vote "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff.

With much appreciation,
Linda Liebes 94028

Sincerely,
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From: terewolf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Teri Wolf](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

We urge you to protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting “No” on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors.

Our family will need to avoid this area if it is open to off-leash dogs. And we are deeply concerned about the impact of dogs on the local wildlife. Quite simply, it does not feel like an appropriate area to allow off-leash dogs and it would prevent many people from enjoying this unique habitat.

Sincerely,
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From: lauriealexander@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Laurie Alexander](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:17:35 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please vote “No” on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. Few dogs off leash are trained well enough to stay in control when they are excited and interested by other animals, nor can dogs read signs intended to protect habitat from people. Owners are less likely to pick up dog waste if the dog left it far away or in a hard to find spot. There are other parks nearby for people to run dogs off leash —parks that don't support sensitive habitat and wildlife.

Please vote “No”!

Sincerely,
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From: lindaruthe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Rutherford](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:27:10 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Please vote "No" on off-leash dogs. As a frail woman with osteoporosis, over 65 years old, I am tired of being knocked over to the ground by large out-of control dogs. Often, a dog owner will be nearby, yelling loudly for the dog by name... but the dog ignores the owner. There are many dog owners who have not trained their dog to follow voice commands. These dog owners are putting my safety at risk.

Pillar Point Bluff is a sensitive ecosystem that should not be patrolled by unleashed dogs. By voting "No" on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff, you can help save that ecosystem.

In fact, we need consistent enforcement of on-leash dog rules on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which is required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County.

Quarry Park makes more sense for the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program, as long as some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, so that the elderly and frail can enjoy this park as well.

Sincerely,
Linda Rutherford
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From: etea@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Elaine Jungleib](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:31:09 AM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

I have always had dogs and I understand the desire to let them run free. But unleashed dogs can be a menace to people and to other dogs. Once at the beach, an unleashed dog jumped on my dog's injured back while the owner called from afar, "He's friendly!" A previous dog was leash-aggressive toward unleashed dogs, which meant I couldn't take her some places, not that I let her off leash. Let's let some places be safe for everyone.

Sincerely,
Elaine Taylor Jungleib

Sincerely,
Elaine Jungleib
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From: lisawong@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [LISA WONG](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:34:19 AM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: towildwood@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Freda Hofland](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: thienek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kristin.Thiene](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:03:08 AM

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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: janettesplace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janette Rosales](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: janschachter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jan Schachter](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: shop1224@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Betsy Nash](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: shannonrmcentee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Shannon McEntee](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Dear Planning Commissioners,

With biodiversity under threat in every direction, I implore you to protect important sensitive habitats, wildlife, public safety and maximum public access at Pillar Point Bluff by voting “No” on the Coastal Development Permit for off-leash dogs at Pillar Point Bluff. There is too much at risk to wildlife, sensitive habitats, and park visitors on the bluff and Ross Cove. We support effective and consistent enforcement of on-leash dogs on designated trails at Pillar Point Bluff, which has been required throughout unincorporated San Mateo County for many years.

We do not object to the proposed Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program at Quarry Park, with the proviso that some of its 8 miles of trails be off-limits to dogs, in order for all people to safely enjoy this park.

Sincerely,
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From: sally@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sarah Coverdell](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
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Sincerely,
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From: vklein4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Victoria Klein](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Deny Coastal Development Permit for the proposed 12-month Off-Leash Dog Pilot program at Pillar Point Bluff
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 6:50:52 AM

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Victoria Klein

Sincerely,
Victoria Klein
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From: [Michael Yolken](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333)
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:40:22 AM

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To: San Mateo County Planning Commission & Midcoast Community Council

- **I am writing in support of granting a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.** The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.
- **The off-leash pilot plan and dog walking regulations were developed via a multi-year, intensive public process.** Since 2016, County Parks has held 31 public Dog Work Group/Committee meetings. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as San Mateo County Parks Commissioners and rangers. Throughout the process, members of the public wrote comments and showed up to every single off-leash pilot meeting to voice their support for legal off-leash trails at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park, far outnumbering the few in opposition. At one meeting, residents presented a petition with more than 250 signatures in support of off-leash dog walking specifically at Pillar Point Bluff.
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- **Contrary to some claims, off-leash dogs are NOT running from Pillar Point Bluff down to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve beach.** There is a 100+ foot cliff separating the Bluff-top from the Marine Reserve—nature's best "fence." Access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is only possible at the most southerly end of Pillar Point Park, which is why County Parks has mandated that the section of trail leading to that point be on-leash only. The only incident of dogs harassing seals at Ross' Cove was due to humans walking their dogs down to the beach; for that they were rightfully criminally charged. We have walked our dogs on the bluff most days since 1982 when we moved to the coastside; dogs do not run down the 100' cliff on their own.

I am aware that one vocal activist in my neighborhood, whom is well connected to our local governing bodies, is now spearheading an effort to overturn the cooperation and progress that our community has achieved on this issue over the last six years. Our representative government developed a professional and participatory process that thoroughly explored all issues and determined that the pilot project could be implemented as law within the guidelines set forth. I urge you to grant a permit as requested for the benefit of our county.

Thank you,

Michael & Kathryn Yolken
Moss Beach

From: [Devin Squaglia](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Comment to be read at the MCC meeting 1/26
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 2:27:36 PM

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Hello!

My name is Devin Squaglia (Squaw-lee-ah), and I reside in El Granada.

I've lived on the Coast for 14 years, and my 12-year old dog, Quinn, has spent his entire life walking on the beach, Quarry Park, or Bluffs off-leash with me. Running free provides him with the exercise required for a Border Collie (not only physically, but for his mental health/stimulation). The Coastside community has walked their dogs off-leash at both sites for 50+ years. This long-practiced recreational activity is a valuable part of San Mateo County's coastal culture.

I urge you to grant the Coastal Development Permit (PLN2021-00333) for San Mateo County Parks' 12-month off-leash pilot program, which would provide much-needed legal off-leash trails at Quarry Park and Pillar Point Bluff.

The off-leash pilots' trail plan and rules were developed during a five-year public process. The process was led by San Mateo County Parks in conjunction with its multi-stakeholder Dog Work Group composed of environmental, equestrian, dog walking, mountain biking, and other community representatives, as well as park rangers. I have also attended many meetings (in-person in El Granada, Redwood City, San Mateo, or virtually) to support this much-needed pilot program.

It has undergone a rigorous review process, including CEQA review, and it should move forward.

Thank you!

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Claire Toutant
Chair, Midcoast Community Council
midcoastcommunitycouncil.org

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From: [Marsha Cohen](#)
To: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#); [Nicholas Calderon](#)
Subject: Comment to Off-Leash Dog Pilot Program
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 4:44:08 PM
Attachments: [MCC Planning Com Comment MC.pdf](#)

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Please see my comments, attached. This item will be heard before the MCC on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 and I would like my comment entered into the record. I will not be able to attend the meeting via Zoom.

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Marsha Cohen

From: [Birgitta Bower](#)
To: [Planning Commission: midcoastcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Approve the Off Leash Pilot at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park
Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 8:48:29 AM

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Dear members of the MCC meeting for January 26 and the PLANNING COMMISSION meeting in February.

I'm writing in support of the OFF-LEASH PROJECT at QUARRY PARK and PILLAR POINT BLUFF

There have been so many years now of Dog Group meetings that whatever this democratic process is supposed to be it is starting to feel like a maze with only dead ends. I know I've driven to meetings at the Pedro Valley park station, to Coyote Point and the County Center in Redwood City. I've been to a packed MCC meeting where the dog people and the pump track people were standing in the stairwell. It's forever groundhog day, over and over we argue the case for being able to recreate with our dogs. Any vote, requires yet another hearing.

After 5 years, miraculously the County Park people wrote up a plan, and, lo and behold, it was approved by the Board of Supervisors in a 4 to 1 vote in November last year. It was yes to a 12-month pilot program with a whole row of caveats and 'monitoring indicators and standards'.

I thought the final hurdle was the Coastal Commission, (where the Supervisor with the no vote is on the Board unfortunately). I then learn that no, this is all going to be hashed over again at an MCC meeting and a Planning Commission meeting. It sure has been an education of Process. Many dog advocates have put a lot of more energy into this than me, and I can only hope that there are enough of us that aren't totally overwhelmed after 5 years of this (and now the third year of Covid), with God knows what will be the next step and the next step.

I'm on my second dog in my lifetime and can say that it is my deep conviction that a dog needs to exercise and socialize to be healthy, physically and mentally, just like us humans, only dogs being extraordinary athletes, need to run to use their muscles properly. To hike off leash on a trail is much more satisfying for both a dog and the owner: the dog sniffs around and runs in bursts, while the owner can keep a pace that works for us humans.

Our first dog came from a shelter at 1+ years old and was leash reactive so it was a lot of work getting her socialized, our second dog was 3 1/2 months when we got her as a rescue last year and we were very eager to socialize her meeting other dogs off leash. Now she loves playing with dogs of all kinds and sizes and we humans stop to chat and get to be socialized too, a win-win.

At the last meeting with the Board of Supervisors the sad event of the seal at Ross Cove was brought up. It was a heartbreaking event, but it is not a relevant to the off-leash project, but is very useful to the opposition of off-leash. (As I understand it, the dog was brought down on the beach by the owners, claiming to not know it is protected, the dog swam out to a reef and attacked the seal.) **Nobody is saying dogs should have access to Ross Cove or Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.** From the bluff, it's a very long and steep trail to get to Ross Cove. A dog with a minimum of training wouldn't leave you for that kind of a venture. A dog under the pilot is supposed to be under **voice control**, when off leash are supposed to have a recall of maximum **10 seconds**. And on top of this: **the trail on the bluff next to Ross Cove is on leash only!** It is disingenuous under these circumstances to bring up this unfortunate event from 2018 over and over. Please don't let this be a disincentive to the off-leash trial. If someone drives under the influence, we punish the behavior, we don't stop everybody from driving.

There has been environmental reviews and I don't think neither the Quarry or the Bluff are exactly pristine ecological areas. They are well used, well loved recreational spots. I support the Greenfoothills in general, I have the 'Save Dunes Beach' sticker, but I don't think they are right when opposing this project on Pillar Point Bluff. In fact there is not much a dog can do other than stay on the trail with all the impenetrable brush on the bluff. It's a great place for people hiking, biking with or without dogs, and a nice view of the ocean and it's very frequented by locals. My guess is that there will not be that many people from outside our little area that will be walking the bluff just because it is officially off leash, people from 'over the hill' prefer the beaches.

There are 8 500 licensed dogs from Montara to Half Moon Bay. All kinds of dogs, all kinds of owners, overall I think it is working pretty well, even if there are no doubt exceptions. Dogs that are dangerous to people or other animals, are the responsibility of their owners. To allow a dog off-leash pilot program is not giving anyone license to let loose a dog that is going to hurt someone. Dog owners are totally responsible for whatever their dogs do, just as we are responsible for picking up the poop our dogs leave outside. The absolute overwhelming majority of dog owners are responsible in this way. We may hear about incidents that people relate, but most of us haven't had any negative experiences. Again, we don't stop driving, we police bad behavior. At the Supervisor zoom meeting there were stories of someone bitten, or someone's relative being bitten at some point in time, at some place. I hope those incidents were reported to police and that the victims made sure that bad dog owners were brought to justice. Nobody wants bad dog owners and dangerous dogs out in public. Again, it is not really relevant to the proposed project: Following the rules set up in the pilot, eliminates any bad behavior. If your dog doesn't behave, you are not protected by the pilot in any way.

Please don't destroy the project without having any personal experience of the locations at issue, it just doesn't seem fair. Also, if you are not a dog owner visit a place like Fort Funston or Point Isabel, famous off leash areas which are visited by hundreds of dogs daily. They are full of frolicking dogs and humans enjoying nature in a beautiful setting, it is not mayhem. If you don't have a dog or haven't been to any of these locations, please reach out and come along for a walk, either with me or someone else in the Coastside Dog Group.

Please OK the OFF LEASH project!

Birgitta Bower in El Granada

