

March 13, 2023

Subject: Support for Pacific Palisades Dog Park

Sent Via Email:

Hon. Traci Park, L.A. City Councilmember, Council District 11

Dear Councilmember Park,

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based, representative voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973. Since 2018, we have consistently affirmed the idea that there should be a dog park in Pacific Palisades, and even supported funding for an EIR (https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/PPCC-Dog-Park-EIR-Funding-Letter.pdf).

With the recent opening of George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC), the dog park takes on new urgency as people come to GWPPC to enjoy the wonderful trails and fabulous vistas with their dogs, and often allow them off-leash in the coastal landscape. Unfortunately, these off-leash dogs threaten the delicate riparian habitat and topography of this well-planned, passive-use park.

As such, we ask that you place plans immediately underway for the Pacific Palisades Dog Park, which has been anticipated for many years, and has endured in popularity among community members from all areas.

With warm regards, Maryam Zar PPCC President

CM Bonin 2017 motion attached

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## MOTION

Residents in Pacific Palisades have been advocating for an off-leash dog park for decades, and with renewed fervor in recent months, with more than 4,000 local residents calling on the City of Los Angeles to help identify and fund a location in Pacific Palisades. Dog owners and animal lovers are organized and motivated to assist with needs assessment, site search, feasibility analysis and fundraising.

Off-leash Dog Parks provide specially-designated space for dogs and their owners to enjoy outdoor recreational activities together, and help to create community, something which is especially important in a City as large as Los Angeles. They also help to encourage the basic responsibilities of dog ownership, such as cleaning up after one's dog and discouraging aggressive pet behavior.

Given the geographic isolation of Pacific Palisades, the number of dog owners in the community, and the significant distance to any other available off-leash dog park, it would be prudent for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks to work with community members to determine the feasibility of and steps necessary to open a dog park in Pacific Palisades.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to work with Council District 11 to establish a community-based Pacific Palisades Dog Park Working Group in order to assess potential dog park locations, identify potential funding sources, and conduct outreach to the community to create a plan for a dog park creation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation & Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, report to Council District 11 and the Pacific Palisades Dog Park Working Group with potential funding sources, including but not limited to, the recently approved County Measure A.

PRESENTED BY:

MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th-District

SECONDED BY: