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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:18 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160205 FW: Resolution opposing GGNRA's proposed dog regulations

**Categories:** 160205

**From:** Stewart Rhoads [mailto:srhoads@alumni.stanford.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 11:45 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Resolution opposing GGNRA's proposed dog regulations

Attn: Clerk of the Board

Re: Tuesday March 15, 2016 BOS Meeting, Item #19, Resolution 160205

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Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,

My name is Stewart Rhoads, I'm a 15 year resident of San Francisco, and I own two dogs, Ragnar and Trapper. I'm strongly in support of your resolution because I want the GGNRA to maintain the existing off-leash dog areas. Please unanimously help us preserve enjoyment of these beautiful green spaces for our canine companions and us.

Sincerely,

Stewart Rhoads, D10

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:15 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: SF SPCA Support Letter - File No. 16205 Resolution re GGNRA (to be considered on 3/15/16)  
**Attachments:** 16-03-14 - SF SPCA Support SF BOS Resolution re GGNRA Dog Walking FINAL.pdf  
**Categories:** 160205

**From:** Brandy Kuentzel [mailto:bkuentzel@sfspca.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 7:36 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SF SPCA Support Letter - File No. 16205 Resolution re GGNRA (to be considered on 3/15/16)

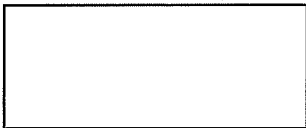
Dear Clerk of the Board,

Attached please find a support letter from the San Francisco SPCA regarding the Resolution Opposing the GGNRA's Proposed Rule Regulating Dog Walking (file no. 160205). The resolution is to be considered tomorrow on March 15, 2016 during the 2pm hearing as agenda item #19. If you would kindly distribute as you see fit, we would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks so much for your time.

Kind regards,  
Brandy

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Dear Clerk of the Board:

**Re: Strong Support – Resolution Opposing GGNRA’s Proposed Rule  
Regulating Dog Walking (File No. 160205)**

On behalf of the San Francisco SPCA, a local animal welfare organization founded in 1868, and our many Bay Area supporters, this letter is to thank Supervisors Tang, Wiener, Yee, Breed, Farrell, Campos, Avalos and Cohen for introducing a resolution opposing the Golden Gate National Recreation Area’s (GGNRA) proposed rule regulating dog walking in urban parklands throughout San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties. Please list our organization in strong support of this resolution.

As the SF SPCA can attest, the GGNRA’s proposed plan aims to dramatically limit dog access in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties. It offers only very confined off-leash areas that will soon become overcrowded. In addition, the GGNRA closures will nearly certainly result in serious overcrowding of Bay Area dog parks. San Francisco’s dog parks are already quite limited, with off-leash areas being particularly scarce. The SF SPCA frequently hears from our community members that off-leash areas in Duboce Park, Mission Dolores Park and McLaren Park, for example, are crowded. If pet guardians, dog walkers, and pets are displaced from the GGNRA and forced to relocate to the city’s dog parks, the problems associated with this overcrowding will be exacerbated.

Unfortunately, despite overwhelming opposition to the GGNRA’s proposed plan from Bay Area residents, community groups, and elected officials across many counties, the plan only contains minor adjustments based on public feedback. As such, the SF SPCA still remains very concerned about the negative impacts that these sweeping dog park closures will have on hundreds of thousands of Bay Area residents and their pets, many of which will likely go unseen by the GGNRA. For many urban dog guardians, especially seniors who find it difficult exercise their pets while on-leash, the GGNRA represents

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the only place where they can allow their dogs to play and release a lot of energy. Take away this haven for exercise, and dog guardians may be unable to meet the physical needs of their pets. Daily exercise is essential to a dog's proper health and well-being, and the amount of exercise that a dog gets can affect his or her behavior, trainability and aggression levels, which are particularly important to properly maintaining public safety in crowded urban environments.

Striking the balance between recreation and natural resource degradation is, of course, important. The SF SPCA maintains that all Bay Area residents, including dog guardians and dog walkers, need to help make sure that sensitive habitats or species in the GGNRA are not harmed. At the same time, access to these urban parklands must be preserved for diverse constituents, including responsible dog guardians and their pets, so that everyone can enjoy them.

On behalf of the SF SPCA and the many San Franciscans who currently enjoy access to the GGNRA with their pets, the SF SPCA sincerely thanks Supervisors Tang, Wiener, Yee, Breed, Farrell, Campos, Avalos and Cohen for their leadership on this important issue. Please call on the SF SPCA to help in any way that we can to ensure that the GGNRA's plan is modified to allow for greater access to recreational opportunities such as responsible dog walking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandy Kuentzel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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**From:** Gosiengfiao, Rachel (BOS)  
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**To:** BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: File 160205 FW: Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
**Categories:** 160205

**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
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**Subject:** File 160205 FW: Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

**From:** Kevin K [<mailto:kkman2020@gmail.com>]  
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**Subject:** Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Dear Public Representative,

First I would like to relate to you how it feels when you are attacked by 2 unleashed Rottweilers while jogging in a public area, as I was a number of years ago. It is an experience I would wish on no one. To make matters worse, the owner, who was wearing headphones, was oblivious to the danger his dogs posed and showed no remorse -- he accused me of causing the attack because I jogged past him. In other subsequent experiences I have found too often that some dog owners value their dogs' lives over that of other humans. These personal experiences have led me to forward a summary about safe dog management in a public area.

I agree with and urge you to support the Proposed Rule for Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The proposed rule is a large stepping stone towards more equitable and safe park access for all in the GGNRA. The proposals made in opposition to our national parks, such as those made by Supervisors Katy Tang and Scott Wiener, are unacceptable and must stop.

Off-leash dogs have significant impacts on people, our pets, wildlife, and the character of the park. The simplest solution to this problem, as would be enacted by the proposed rule, is to enclose off-leash dog play areas with a physical barrier. This would give park visitors the choice to enter off-leash areas, rather than have the choice

imposed upon them. It would also ensure that our dogs, wildlife, and other people have basic safeguards in place so that everyone has a good experience at the park.

Outside of these areas, leash laws should be vigorously enforced so that everyone becomes accustomed to letting dogs play in safe areas.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kingma

El Cerrito, CA

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
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**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
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**From:** Kathleen Dooley [mailto:kathleendooley@att.net]  
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**To:** Kathleen Dooley <kathleendooley@att.net>  
**Subject:** Proposed dog walking regulations in GGNRA

I am writing to urge you to support Supervisor Tang's condemnation of the newest list of proposed regulations severely limiting off leash dog walking and to consider solutions to this punitive takeover of our City's outdoor recreation areas. As a dog owner who has visited Crissy Field on a daily basis for at least 15 years, I cannot begin to tell you what a loss it would be to no longer be able to enjoy getting my daily exercise with my dog and interacting with my fellow dog owners. A majority of the time during the week, the only people on the beach are there walking their dogs. It is extremely rare to see any kind of negative interactions between visitors and dogs. I more frequently observe humans and especially children chasing down and harassing wildlife than I do dogs.

The new proposal is even more restrictive than the previous iterations. The most disturbing additions are that they are planning on spending more than 2 million dollars a year to hire new rangers who will be patrolling the off leash areas looking for infractions. Add to that the announcement that GGNRA reserves the right to eliminate off leash dog walking at their discretion with no public notice nor explanation. Clearly, this indicates their intention to eventually achieve their desired goal of eliminating all off leash areas in the GGNRA.

San Franciscans have enjoyed using the less than 1% of the now GGNRA controlled lands allocated for off leash dog walking for many generations. We live in an urban environment where these lands are frequently located no more than a block or two from homes and businesses. Can anyone legitimately claim that these areas should have the same rules as Yosemite? The current proposal that further limits off leash areas by up to 60% and crowding both the professional dog walkers and pet owners into a smaller and smaller area will create a situation where the overcrowding will lead to conflict - probably just what the GGNRA hopes as it will allow them to then completely eliminate off leash access.

Please listen to the over 30,000 residents who have come out opposing the GGNRA's proposed dog walking rules and help us preserve an important part of the lives of so many San Franciscans.

Yours,  
Kathleen Dooley