



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2007 7:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK**

7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL Councilmembers John Hamon Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ann Robb introduced Will Dahlen, member of the City's Youth Commission.
- Mayor Mecham thanked the community for the large turnout for the February 3rd Goal Setting Workshop
- Chuck Miller, announcing the Estrella Warbird Museum event on Friday February 23, 2007.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY) – City Manager Jim App announced that Agenda Item No. 10 is being recommended for continuance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Boy Scouts of America

Presentation of Boy Scouts of America programs in the Paso Robles community by Ingrid Olsen, District Executive, Los Padres Council, Del Norte District. Also speaking were Scouts George Major, Troup 16, and Will Hicks, Troup 60.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilmember Hamon recused himself from voting on Item No. 2 and left the dais until deliberations were concluded.

2. **Rescind Appeal of Tentative Tract Map 2772 (Owner: Mondo Appellant: Erskine)**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

CONTINUED FROM DECEMBER 19, 2006. The City Council held a Public Hearing on December 5, 2006 and approved an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a tentative tract map for Doug Mondo at the southwest corner of Airport and Dry Creek Roads. At their meeting of December 19, 2006 members of Council voiced their concerns with their understanding of the actions taken at the December 5th meeting, and in a 3-1 vote, requested that the item be brought before the Council for reconsideration. Since December 19, the parties to the appeal have reached an accord.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-024 rescinding the action (Resolution No. 06-226) of the City Council at its meeting of December 5, 2006, an upholding the Planning Commission's decision to approve Tentative Tract 2772.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN: Hamon
ABSENT:

Councilmember Hamon returned to his seat at the dais.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

3. Approve City Council minutes of January 16, 2007 and January 25, 2007
4. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 67491—76750 (01/17/07), 67651—67787 (01/19/07), 67788-67904 (01/26/07), and Other Payroll Services
5. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:
Citizen's Airport Advisory Committee meeting of December 14, 2006
Parks and Recreation Committee meeting of December 12, 2006
Youth Commission meeting of December 6, 2006
6. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 926 N.S. by title only, authorizing an amendment to amend Title 21, Zoning of the Municipal Code, adding a definition of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to Chapter 21.08, and to add Chapter 21.33, prohibition of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. (FIRST READING JANUARY 16, 2007)

7. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 927 N.S. by title only, authorizing an amendment to Section 5.04.290 of the Municipal Code, adding the classification of amusement centers/parks. (FIRST READING JANUARY 16, 2007)
8. Approve the Paso Robles Housing Authority Board Conflict of Interest Code. The Housing Authority is subject to the Political Reform Act (Government Code § 81000 et seq.), and must adopt a conflict of interest code. Because the City Council appoints members of the Housing Authority, it has the responsibility to approve their conflict of Interest Code.
9. The Sherwood Forest Park landscape contractor has completed the specified maintenance period for the project. Adopt Resolution No. 07-025 accepting the landscape maintenance of the completed project and deeming DPW 01-25 complete.
10. **Continued No Action.** Awarding a construction contract and appropriating funds to install arsenic treatment at Sherwood Wells No. 9 and No. 11 to D-Kal Engineering in the amount of \$1,351,548. The City received 12 bids in response to the prepared plans and specifications to install arsenic treatment facilities, an approved Capital Improvement Project.
11. Adopt Resolution No. 07-026 authorizing the use of a septic system for the Nunno industrial buildings located at 3500 Dry Creek Road (APN 025-431-006), with conditions. The Planned Development was approved by the Planning Commission on 02/22/2005, and is consistent with other airport lease sites and private properties along Dry Creek Road. The nearest available sanitary sewer main is approximately one mile west of the intersection of Dry Creek Road and Airport Road.

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 3–9, and 11 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, with Councilmembers Nemeth and Strong abstaining on Warrant Register No. 067840, and Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Items Nos. 067597, 067598, 067743, 067865 and 067892.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

DISCUSSION

12. Dogs in Parks

A. Robb, Parks & Recreation Director

For the City Council to consider placing a park-specific suspension on enforcement of prohibiting dogs in city parks. Parks-4-Pups submitted a proposal to designate walking paths at Centennial and Turtle Creek parks as “on leash” dog walking areas. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee voted 5-3 at the May 2006 meeting to recommend the Parks-4-Pups proposal. A petition submitted by Sierra Bonita Village Homeowners’ Association recommends denial of the use of Turtle Creek Park. Additional material submitted by Parks-4-Pups was distributed by A. Robb at the meeting.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Paula O'Farrell, representing Parks-4-Pups, who announced the association had withdrawn the Turtle Creek Park request. Also speaking was, Pete Jenny, Rob Nash, Kathy Barnett, Kathy Kropp, Emily Beebee, Tom Hardwick, Teresa Allan, Jody Jacobson, and Carol Still. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

City Attorney Yang recommended minor changes to the proposed resolution. Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt a revised Resolution No. 07-027 to suspend enforcement of §8.08.055 of the Municipal Code, Dogs in Public Places, on walking paths in Centennial Park for a period of one year beginning March 1, 2007.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Strong, and Mecham

NOES: Picanco

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Council adjourned for a short break to allow some members of the audience to withdraw from the conference room.

13. Reimbursement for Installation of Traffic Signal & Storm Drain at 4th and Spring Streets

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

For the City Council to consider authorizing a partial reimbursement of \$550,000 to Pacific Management and Development (PMD), developer of PD 03-020, for the installation of a traffic signal and storm drain at the intersection of 4th and Spring Streets, as recommended in the report prepared by Associated Transportation Engineers, dated 08/28/2006. The traffic signal and storm drain at this intersection are considered citywide improvements, and were both included on the AB 1600 Needs List, adopted October 2006. A copy of the proposed reimbursement agreement was distributed at the meeting.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Greg Jaeger, representing North Coast Engineering. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-028 authorizing a reimbursement agreement with PMD, the developer of PD 03-020, to reimburse the cost of installation of a traffic signal and storm drain at the intersection of 4th and Spring Streets in the amount of \$550,000.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

14. Paso Robles Transit Services "Branding" Alternatives

M. Compton, Administrative Services Director

For the City Council to consider transit system branding alternatives pursuant to the adopted Marketing Plan adopted by Council in August 2006. Selena Barlow, of Transit Marketing LLC, presented a new branding strategy.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

None of the alternatives presented were acceptable to Council. By Voice Vote, Council appointed Councilmembers Hamon and Picanco to an ad hoc committee to review the re-branding proposal, which is included in the adopted Marketing Plan.

15. Gateway Design Standards Contract

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

For the City Council to consider allocating additional funds to expand the Work Scope for the Gateway Design Standards project.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

The expanded Work Scope was not accepted by Council. By Voice Vote, on a motion by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, Council referred the discussion of Gateway Design Standards back to the ad hoc committee.

16. Storm Water Management

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The EPA in 1999 required municipalities with populations of 25,000 or more to submit Storm Water Management Plans to regional boards. The plan drafted by the City was submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in January 2005 as part of the annual report. The Board noted the following items for additional work:

- Expand public outreach efforts
- Adopt an ordinance addressing storm water quality
- Increase outreach/education to contractors regarding storm water quality
- Develop monitoring and reporting of City insecticide and fertilizer use in parks.

There is no current appropriation to accomplish these tasks. Another \$51,000 is required to engage the services of Wood Rodgers to assist staff in implementing the City's adopted Storm Water Management Plan, ensuring compliance with the Water Board's interpretation and enforcement requirements.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-029 to:

- 1) Appropriate \$51,000 to fund the implementation of the City's Storm Water Management Program;
- 2) Transfer \$17,000 each from Sewer Operations, Water Operations, and the General Fund (Landfill); and
- 3) authorize the City Manager to engage Wood Rodgers to assist the implementation of the Storm Water Management Plan in the amount of \$41,500;

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

17. Award Rehabilitation of Borcherdt Well No. 5, Sherwood Well No. 11, and Thunderbird Well No. 17

D. Monn, Public Works Director

In order to extend life of the water wells and to ensure efficiency in providing water service to the community, the City periodically rehabilitates its wells. For 2007, the Capital Improvement Program budgeted \$100,000 for the Sherwood Well No. 11 rehab, but a review of pumping data showed that work on two additional wells was required to ensure productivity during peak demand this summer. The rehab for these additional wells requires an acceleration of a \$65,000 appropriation.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-030:

- 1) Approving a one-time supplemental budget appropriation of \$65,000 from the Water Operations Fund; and
- 2) Awarding the contract to rehabilitate the three wells to Aqua Engineering in the amount of \$157,778.65.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

18. City Council Policies and Procedures

J. App, City Manager

For the City Council to consider updating written Council policies and procedures to incorporate recent Council actions.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

By General Consent, Council agreed to review draft update of Council Policies & Procedures Manual and provide edits to the Deputy Clerk by February 28, 2007.

CITY MANAGER - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION –

19. Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – 2007 Scheduled Vacancies

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

For the City Council to consider candidates for the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. A recruitment notice for the Housing Authority vacancies was placed in Paso Robles Magazine and posted on the City's website. The application deadline was January 31, 2007. The City has received two applications from incumbents for the two vacancies.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

By General Consent, Raymond Hampson and Richard Willhoit were appointed to four-year terms, effective March 1, 2007

AD HOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

20. Ad Hoc Committee Formation – Review Consultant Proposals for Design of the City's Nacimiento Treatment Plant

D. Monn, Public Works Director

Consider forming an ad hoc committee to assist in the process of reviewing consultant proposals associated with the design of the Nacimiento Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

By General Consent, Mayor Mecham and Councilmember Hamon were appointed to the ad hoc committee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended) - None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None

City Attorney Iris Yang announced Council's authority to go into closed session to discuss the item listed on the agenda.

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn from regular session at 9:45 PM.

The City Council thereupon adjourned to Closed Session in the 2nd floor Large Conference Room.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – Large Conference Room, 2nd Floor

a. **Public Employment**

Government Code Section 54957

Title: Public Official Retirement, Appointment, Termination – Police Chief

The City Council returned to Regular Session at 10:30 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Iris Yang announced that no reportable action was taken.

By unanimous voice vote, Council moved to adjourn from regular session at 10:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: to

- To NEW PARTNERS CONFERENCE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2007, BONAVENTURE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
- THE CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR ANNUAL DINNER, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007, 6:30 PM AT THE SLO PAVILLION – PASO ROBLES EVENTS CENTER
- TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO EDUCATION FORECAST, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006, 7:30 AM AT THE CARLTON HOTEL, 6005 EL CAMINO REAL, ATASCADERO
- TO THE 2007 GOALS WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006, 7:00 AM AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

Submitted:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk
Approved:

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PART OF THE RECORDS UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.**

Appendix F: Survey of California cities' policies on dogs on-leash in city parks

In April 2006, our supporters surveyed 281 cities in California with a population over 20,000 and cities in San Luis Obispo County to identify the prevailing practice in municipalities as it relates to allowing dogs on-leash in city parks. The survey was conducted through email and telephone inquiries. The following is a summary of our findings. The following pages include a detailed city listing of our survey results.

	# of cities	% of cities
# of cities allowing dogs on leash in some or all city parks	247	88%
# of cities <i>not</i> allowing dogs on leash in city parks but providing off leash recreation areas	12	4%
Total # of cities providing park areas for dog owners	259	92%
# of cities not allowing dogs on-leash in any city park and not providing an off-leash area for dog owners	22	8%

We find it also of relevance to note that 133 cities out of the 281 (47%) surveyed have one or more off-leash dog parks in place or pending construction.

California Cities' Policies on Dogs On-Leash in City Parks

Compiled April 20, 2006 based on SLO County and California cities with populations over 20,000 n=281

NO PARK PRIVILEGES

Total # of cities: 22

City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
ALHAMBRA	90,561	no	0
AZUSA	48,520	no	0
CARSON	98,329	no	0
COVINA	49,565	no	0
DELANO	45,056	no	0
EL PASO DE	27,964	no	0
FONTANA	160,015	no	0
GARDEN GROVE	172,042	no	0
GARDENA	61,072	no	0
GLENDORA	52,373	no	0
HAWTHORNE	88,790	no	0
HEMET	66,455	no	0
LA VERNE	33,480	No	0
LAKEWOOD	83,674	no	0
LOMITA	21,153	no	0
LYNWOOD	73,212	No	0
PARAMOUNT	58,109	no	0
RIALTO	99,242	no	0
SOUTH GATE	102,165	no	0
SOUTH LAKE	24,059	no	0
TEMPLE CITY	35,648	no	0
TWENTYNINE	27,337	no	0

PARK PRIVILEGES

Total # of cities: 259

City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
AGOURA HILLS	23,330	yes	0
ALAMEDA	74,581	yes	2
ALISO VIEJO	45,017	yes	0
ANAHEIM	345,317	yes	0
ANTIOCH	101,049	yes	1
APPLE VALLEY	63,853	yes	planned
ARCADIA	56,320	yes	2
ARROYO GRANDE	16,537	yes	0
ATASCADERO	27,596	yes	1
ATWATER	26,693	yes	0
BAKERSFIELD	295,893	yes	4
BALDWIN PARK	81,226	yes	0
BANNING	27,954	yes	0
BARSTOW	23,546	yes	0
BELL	38,961	yes	0
BELL GARDENS	46,310	yes	0
BELLFLOWER	77,513	yes	0
BELMONT	25,470	yes	1
BENICIA	27,323	no	1
BERKELEY	104,534	yes	2
BEVERLY HILLS	35,969	yes	0
BRAWLEY	24,042	yes	0
BREA	39,584	yes	0
BRENTWOOD	40,912	yes	pending
BURBANK	106,739	yes	0
BURLINGAME	28,280	Yes	1
CALABASAS	23,123	yes	1
CALEXICO	36,274	yes	0
CAMARILLO	62,739	yes	1
CAMPBELL	38,415	yes	1
CARLSBAD	95,146	no	1
CATHEDRAL CITY	50,632	yes	0
CERES	38,813	yes	0
CERRITOS	55,074	yes	0
CHICO	73,558	yes	0
CHINO	76,070	yes	0
CHINO HILLS	77,819	yes	0
CHULA VISTA	217,543	Yes	2
CITRUS HEIGHTS	87,549	yes	1
CLAREMONT	36,636	yes	1
CLOVIS	86,015	yes	0
COACHELLA	30,764	Yes	0

PARK PRIVILEGES

Total # of cities: 259			
City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
COLTON	51,627	yes	
COMMERCE	13,504	yes	0
COMPTON	98,802	yes	0
CONCORD	124,798	yes	1
CORCORAN	22,528	yes	0
CORONA	144,070	yes	1
CORONADO	26,973	yes	2
COSTA MESA	113,440	yes	1
CULVER CITY	40,870	no	pending
CUPERTINO	53,452	Yes	0
CYPRESS	48,863	Yes	0
DALY CITY	104,661	no	2
DANA POINT	36,765	yes	0
DANVILLE	43,273	yes	1
DAVIS	64,401	yes	6
DIAMOND BAR	59,953	yes	0
DIXON	17,179	yes	1
DOWNEY	113,607	yes	0
DUARTE	22,834	yes	0
DUBLIN	39,931	yes	1
EAST PALO ALTO	32,202	yes	0
EL CAJON	97,703	yes	1
EL CENTRO	41,030	yes	0
EL CERRITO	23,407	yes	0
EL MONTE	125,832	yes	0
EL SEGUNDO	17,024	yes	2
ELK GROVE	121,609	yes	2
ENCINITAS	62,774	Yes	1
ESCONDIDO	141,350	yes	1
EUREKA	26,381	no	pending
FAIRFIELD	105,026	yes	pending
FOLSOM	68,033	yes	0
FOSTER CITY	29,876	yes	1
FOUNTAIN	57,353	yes	0
FREMONT	210,445	yes	1
FRESNO	464,727	yes	1
FULLERTON	135,672	yes	0
GALT	22,955	Yes	0
GILROY	47,671	yes	0
GLENDALE	207,007	yes	0
GOLETA	30,679	Yes	
GROVER BEACH	13,228	yes	0
HANFORD	48,070	yes	planned
HAYWARD	146,027	yes	2
HERCULES	23,360	yes	0
HERMOSA BEACH	19,608	yes	0
HESPERIA	76,114	yes	0
HOLLISTER	37,183	yes	0
HUNTINGTON	200,763	yes	1
HUNTINGTON	64,929	no	1

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City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
IMPERIAL BEACH	27,710	yes	0
INDIO	66,118	yes	0
INGLEWOOD	118,164	yes	0
IRVINE	180,803	yes	1
LA CANADA	21,608	yes	0
LA HABRA	61,771	Yes	0
LA MESA	55,983	Yes	1
LA MIRADA	50,477	Yes	0
LA PUENTE	43,360	Yes	0
LA QUINTA	36,145	yes	0
LAFAYETTE	24,317	yes	0
LAGUNA BEACH	24,969	yes	1
LAGUNA HILLS	33,253	yes	0
LAGUNA NIGUEL	66,126	yes	1
LAKE ELSINORE	38,045	yes	0
LAKE FOREST	78,020	yes	0
LANCASTER	133,703	yes	0
LAWNDALE	33,458	yes	0
LEMON GROVE	25,531	yes	0
LEMOORE	22,508	yes	0
LINCOLN	27,356	no	1
LIVERMORE	80,723	yes	3
LODI	62,467	yes	2
LOMA LINDA	21,592	yes	1
LOMPOC	42,320	yes	0
LONG BEACH	491,564	yes	2
LOS ALTOS	27,614	yes	0
LOS BANOS	70,000	yes	0
LOS GATOS	28,976	yes	1
MANHATTAN	36,843	no	2
MANTECA	61,927	yes	pending
MARTINEZ	36,818	yes	0
MAYWOOD	29,596	yes	
MERCED	73,610	yes	pending
MILLBRAE	20,708	yes	
MILPITAS	64,998	yes	1
MISSION VIEJO	98,197	yes	planned
MODESTO	207,634	yes	pending
MONROVIA	39,147	yes	planned
MONTCLAIR	35,530	yes	1
MONTEBELLO	65,672	yes	0
MONTEREY	30,641	yes	planned
MONTEREY PARK	64,614	yes	0
MOORPARK	35,908	yes	0
MORENO VALLEY	165,328	yes	pending
MORGAN HILL	36,423	yes	1
MORRO BAY	10,511	yes	0
MOUNTAIN VIEW	72,033	yes	2
MURRIETA	85,102	yes	0
NAPA	76,346	yes	1

PARK PRIVILEGES

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NATIONAL CITY	63,773	yes	0
NEWARK	43,708	yes	planned
NEWPORT BEACH	83,120	yes	0
NORCO	26,703	yes	0
NORWALK	110,178	yes	0
NOVATO	50,586	yes	1
OAKLAND	412,318	no	1
OAKLEY	28,265	Yes	0
OCEANSIDE	175,085	yes	pending
ONTARIO	170,373	yes	0
ORANGE	137,751	yes	1
OXNARD	188,849	yes	0
PACIFIC GROVE	15,480	yes	1
PACIFICA	38,678	yes	0
PALM DESERT	49,280	yes	4
PALM SPRINGS	45,731	yes	1
PALMDALE	136,734	yes	0
PALO ALTO	61,674	yes	0
PARADISE	26,500	yes	0
PASADENA	146,166	yes	planned
PETALUMA	56,632	yes	1
PICO RIVERA	67,288	yes	0
PISMO BEACH	8,644	yes	0
PITTSBURG	62,605	yes	
PLACENTIA	50,323	yes	0
PLEASANT HILL	33,638	Yes	1
PLEASANTON	67,650	yes	2
POMONA	160,815	yes	0
PORT HUENEME	22,445	yes	0
PORTERVILLE	44,496	yes	0
POWAY	50,675	yes	1
RANCHO CORDOVA	55,145	yes	0
RANCHO	161,830	yes	1
RANCHO PALOS	43,525	yes	0
REDDING	88,459	yes	1
REDLANDS	70,324	Yes	planned
REDONDO BEACH	67,325	Yes	1
REDWOOD CITY	75,986	Yes	1
REEDLEY	22,599	yes	0
RICHMOND	103,012	yes	0
RIDGECREST	26,493	yes	0
RIVERSIDE	285,537	yes	2
ROCKLIN	50,494	yes	0
ROHNERT PARK	42,445	yes	3
ROSEVILLE	102,191	yes	1 and 2 in
SACRAMENTO	452,959	yes	3
SALINAS	152,677	Yes	0
SAN BERNARDINO	199,803	yes	1
SAN BRUNO	42,215	no	1
SAN	106,096	yes	2

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SAN CARLOS	28,190	Yes	1
SAN CLEMENTE	65,338	yes	1
SAN DIEGO	1,305,736	Yes	13
SAN DIMAS	37,005	Yes	1
SAN FERNANDO	24,958	Yes	0
SAN FRANCISCO	799,263	yes	
SAN GABRIEL	42,374	Yes	0
SAN JACINTO	28,437	Yes	planned
SAN JOSE	944,857	yes	10
SAN JUAN	36,078	yes	0
SAN LEANDRO	81,442	yes	1
SAN LUIS OBISPO	44,519	yes	1
SAN MARCOS	73,054	yes	2
SAN MATEO	94,212	yes	1
SAN PABLO	31,344	Yes	
SAN RAFAEL	57,224	yes	1
SAN RAMON	51,027	Yes	1
SANTA ANA	351,697	yes	0
SANTA BARBARA	90,518	yes	
SANTA CLARA	109,106	yes	1
SANTA CLARITA	167,954	yes	0
SANTA CRUZ	56,451	no	4
SANTA MARIA	88,793	yes	1
SANTA MONICA	91,495	yes	3
SANTA PAULA	29,281	yes	
SANTA ROSA	156,268	Yes	5
SANTEE	54,476	yes	planned
SARATOGA	30,850	yes	0
SEAL BEACH	25,334	yes	1
SIMI VALLEY	121,427	yes	0
SOLEDAD	27,316	yes	0
SOUTH EL MONTE	22,420	yes	0
SOUTH PASADENA	25,789	yes	0
SOUTH SAN	61,661	yes	planned
STANTON	38,812	Yes	0
STOCKTON	279,513	yes	pending
SUISUN CITY	27,716	yes	0
SUNNYVALE	133,086	yes	1
SUSANVILLE	18,324	yes	several
TEMECULA	81,397	Yes	pending
THOUSAND OAKS	127,112	yes	1
TORRANCE	147,405	yes	0
TRACY	78,307	yes	1
TULARE	49,477	yes	0
TURLOCK	67,009	yes	0
TUSTIN	70,871	yes	0
UNION CITY	70,685	yes	1
UPLAND	73,697	yes	1
VACAVILLE	96,735	yes	1
VALLEJO	121,221	yes	0

PARK PRIVILEGES**Total # of cities:****259**

City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
VICTORVILLE	86,473	yes	0
VISALIA	107,550	yes	2
VISTA	94,109	yes	1
WALNUT	31,900	yes	0
WALNUT CREEK	66,501	yes	1
WASCO	23,708	yes	0
WATSONVILLE	49,601	yes	0

PARK PRIVILEGES**Total # of cities:****259**

City	Pop	Dogs allowed in city parks	# of Dog Parks
WEST COVINA	112,417	yes	0
WEST	38,036	Yes	1
WESTMINSTER	40,206	yes	2
WHITTIER	92,270	yes	0
WINDSOR	87,250	yes	0
WOODLAND	25,475	yes	1
YORBA LINDA	53,382	no	planning
YUBA CITY	65,621	yes	0
YUCAIPA	58,368	yes	planned
	49,388	yes	1

Appendix G: Comments on how dog owners and our community have changed from 1984

The following replies were received from supporters in response to the question, "How have dog owners and our community changed since 1984 when municipal ordinance 8.08.955 was enacted?"

Michael Mazur, Paso Robles:

- a) Population increase in this time has resulted in increased traffic, making it hard to walk a dog on a street.
- b) most new homeowners do not have larger plots of land like most Roblans did in '84
- c) Building explosion has decreased the amount of free space. As an example, I live near the Beachwood property. When we first moved here 5 years ago, every dog owner in the area used it a "run". Last year, they fenced it in as part of the plans for the future development.

Ernie Del Rio, Park Superintendent San Luis Obispo County Parks

Based on my experience working for Parks in SB County and SLO County I have observed many changes. Most have to do with population density and housing development. When you have cluster developments, and more housing in general, you have less open space for people to recreate, i.e. walk their dog. Most housing units have smaller lots and less storage. This is why so many storage facilities are being built next to housing developments. Again smaller lots means no place to exercise your dog or recreate with them.

The truth is the ratio of park land and open space per capita has been greatly reduced over the last 10-12 years. For the same reason you are asking Paso Robles to amend their ordinance is the same reason County Parks recognized that user trends have changed and as a result have added three OLPA to their inventory.

Paso Robles is no longer the place it was 12 years ago. Housing has changed, population density and demographics have changed, life styles have changed, and how people recreate has changed.

The needs of the many out weigh the needs of the few!

Wynette Winkler, San Luis Obispo

Resident since 1984 when I was living in SLO County and finishing up school at Cal Poly:

There are many more people living in our county, I'd guess there more dogs (and cats and horses!) and there are mutt mitts!

I moved back to SLO last year with my 3 dogs from my home of 20 years in Santa Barbara (and am now glad I chose dog/park friendly SLO to move back to). But the reality is that more people and more dogs need more space to exercise in and, I would argue, have just as much right to enjoy the open spaces that they've helped pay for. I'd admit that there are still irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after

their dogs, just as there are irresponsible people who do not pick up their own garbage. As a dog owner who picks up after me, my dogs, and after anyone else who leaves garbage or dog droppings, I would endorse rules, regulations, fines, etc. for those who do not comply. I do not think simply banning people and their dogs from parks are the complete answer.

I also believe that dog owners who are out walking their dogs on a regular basis are the perfect "neighborhood watch" who can help keep a city safe, clean, and friendly. In this day of "homeland security," our 4 legged friends and their keepers are perfect watchers of the entire goings on. And in this day of overweight Americans who need exercise, I don't think we should be discouraging anyone from getting out and exercising. Governments--city, Federal, and State--have a responsibility to protect their citizens, but also to encourage positive behavior.

I live in SLO next to French Park. Many people and many dogs enjoy this open space. We manage to keep things clean, safe, and enjoyable for all. I think Paso Roblans can do the same and I would look forward to hearing that they have the same opportunities that we do in SLO. And I'd look forward to visiting Paso more often with my dogs, spending my money in your city, if I were able to bring my dogs with me.

Kim Wykoff, Paso Robles resident since 1989:

Have dog owners changed since 1984. My response is YES! People in general are paying quite a bit more attention to their health these days and that includes walking the dog for exercise. This walking trail is not just about the dogs, it's about the people that walk the dogs. This promotes good health for humans and canines.

Paso Robles has grown substantially since 1984 and with that comes more dog lovers. My husband and I would love to walk our dog in the mornings on the weekend because it is our day off and a good time to do it. Where better place than the park? We pay taxes here and this is how we would like to use our city park.

I would say since 1984 dogs have become more like part of the family. We take our dogs everywhere with us including outdoors to exercise. We realize the importance of keeping our dogs healthy with regular exercise as well as maintaining a happy dog by doing so.

Jennifer Fanning, Recreation Supervisor for City of Atascadero, Paso Robles resident

Since 1984 lifestyles have changed for many. 1) Families are spending more hours working outside of the home. Being gone all day, when they get home from work they enjoy taking their family pet out in the fresh air for exercise. Recreation keeps people sane. 2) Moms & dads are both going to work, and more and more couples are choosing not to have children because of their careers. With that said, they are choosing to have dogs and/or animals which are their "children". These adults want to spend quality time with their "children" and for a dog, quality time is time spent outside on beautiful land, getting exercise and chasing a ball. 3) Baby boomers are retiring and spending more time recreating, exercising and spending time with their best friends (their dogs!). Where are they going to do that?

Nancy Tyner, Paso Robles:

First thoughts that come to my mind about how the doggie world has changed since the eighties is dogs are big business now, there is a greater number of them due to social changes –smaller families, blended families, more people going solo and many more seniors. They are being treated with more and more respect due to their contributions. Where have these park and rec committee members been, living in a

cocoon?

Again dogs are seen in a different light now. Their status has changed dramatically since our world has changed. They are our companions, protectors and workers. Dogs are making a huge commitment to society – research, guiding our sick and infirm, etc. Most of us have awoken to the wonders of them. A dog today is not relegated to the back yard.

Brenda Schoennauer, Paso Robles:

The population (both people & dogs) in Paso Robles has grown significantly since 1984. Not a day goes by that you will not see several dogs in our city parks. I think this change in the city ordinance would make dog owners more responsible.

Milt Carrigan, Paso Robles:

A comparison of the available 1990 and 2000 US Census Bureau data for Paso Robles documents a striking increase in the percentage of residents 65 or older (from 11% in 1990 to 13.4% in 2000, when the national average was only 12.4%), as well as an increase in the percentage of non-family households with a householder of 65 or older (from 10% in 1990 to 11.4% in 2000). In my view this is a "significant change" or trend that justifies new recreational options for older residents, especially those who need a public park or trail to exercise their dogs adequately.

An additional statistic that might be of use (although it's broken out only in the 2000 Census survey): of all households in 2000, 27.4% have individuals 65 years and over. Another "significant" difference between then (1984) and now (2006) is that there is an active organization (Parks-4-Pups) committed to responsible dog ownership and to monitoring of a trail that the City would approve.

Sue Skaggs, Paso Robles

It's incredible they cannot see all the changes that have been made since 1984, good and bad. The news has definitely filled our TV and newspapers with horror stories of "dogs gone bad" and this will certainly feed fuel to the fire of dog haters everywhere, but on the flip side what have we dog lovers learned? Since 1984 I am more involved with advocacy to spay and neuter our pets. I would say that of the 100 or so friends with pets, only one comes to mind that has not neutered their male and that is for breeding purposes. Check the statistics in 1984. You see pet owners everywhere (including our grossed out kids) caring poop bags everywhere they go. I don't remember seeing those very often in 1984! All in all as the stories come out about a child that gets mauled by a bad dog, the thousands of animal owners who are raising responsible pets go unnoticed.

With very little time to get out and relax with my family, I feel it's very important that we have areas that we can take the dogs and play. I just don't understand how anyone could object or be hostile about the whole subject. Ask them if this was about kids would they feel the same? Maybe that will be next!

Ok now I'm all angry...I just don't get this!

Awilda Wilson, Paso Robles:

I am a Paso Robles resident and I would like to say the following:

- With so many ordinances regarding picking up after your own dog, the majority of dog owners actually do pick up after their beloved canines.
- There are many more relationships choosing not to have children and they have pets instead. These people are more "into their dogs" than if it were a mere pet.

- Dog owners "fuss" over their pets a lot more which is evidenced by the popularity of pet superstores, pet bakeries, and more pet salons (portable and stationary).

How has the world changed since 1984 to warrant a change in this ordinance?

- There are a lot more people retiring at an earlier age who have more time to enjoy the outdoors with their pets.
- People are more aware of their surroundings and want to live and be in a nice place, so picking up after their pets is something they just expect to have to do.
- We are aware that we can make decisions for ourselves for our own wellbeing without having to have the government or bureaucracy tell us what is good for us and what we really want.

I hope this helps. I will talk to a few others about the park trail and I personally would be willing to be a "trail angel".

Greg Hessick, Atascadero:

There have definitely been significant change since 1984, I think in reference to dog ownership people is much more responsible. The first time I walked a dog around Atascadero Lake and noticed waste bag dispensers, I was very pleased to see a positive reaction from my local government. As many dogs that are still being walked around the lake without causing problems for the nondog owners makes a good argument that responsible dog ownership is the rule not the exception. I also think that I am a much more aware dog owner since I have been attending the dog park at Heilmann Park.

I think since 1984 there have been far too many laws written by Local, State, and Federal Governments. There has also not been nearly enough enforcement. It's wrong to have laws that only apply to the responsible public, while the others violate laws and ordinances without consequences. I see lots of dogs all over Paso Robles, some of them in City Parks, but the responsible dog owners stay out.

Lori Davis, Atascadero:

In 1984, the only examples of dog ownership were Lassie and all the sitcom families who had dogs that never pooped, and only did cute tricks. Now there is so much education on TV. The Dog Whisperer, K9 Cops, Good Dog U., who would have ever guessed that animals would have their own channel and a dog show would follow the Super Bowl. Obedience classes are packed, and people are free to show their pride in their pet, where you used to be considered a bit eccentric "or the crazy cat lady!" Back then no man I know would have been caught dead with a poop bag swinging from his wrist, now days it's a good way to pick up girls. How many times do the newscasters gush about how much is spent on pets, Paso needs to get aware of just what an economic force we are.

On a personal rant - I am so tired of politicians crying about how they need more money for the children, and we are automatically supposed to empty our pockets. Well at least half of our friends only have "fur-children" and if they want our continued support it works both ways. We usually have more disposable income and more free time to be a real thorn in their sides! How many times have you driven by the P.R. city park and no one is in it?

Brooke Langle, Paso Robles:

My reply would be that our recent experience (last 5-10 years) is that dog owners have responded very positively to having access to recreational areas in our cities and counties. I think we would be able to cite the Laguna Lake and (the park across from Cuesta), and most recently the Atascadero dog park, as examples of the behavior of organized, responsible dog owners. You can't control every "bad seed", but

they will get that (litter, damage, illegal activities) in the park anyhow. By having guidelines and folks that will volunteer, we are offering to take the burden away from the City. Our taxes pay for those parks and we should be allowed to use them as well.

Ann Calhoun, Los Osos:

Has there been a change in the public's relationship with their dogs since 1984? You betcha. Any check of the tourism industry and the consumer buying patterns will make that clear. As a nation of Baby Boomers, our dogs have come in from the cold of being relegated to backyards, and are now clearly "members of the family."

A little research uncovers the HUGE amount of money we now spend on our Best Friends. And not only spending for goods and services, a check of the travel section of your local bookstore uncovers travel guides that now all feature Pet Friendly accommodations. (As a tourist destination, Paso Robles really should make note of that change in travel demographic since 1984.)

From zero "off-leash dog parks," there are dog parks all over the country, with more being created every day. In our county alone, we now have FOUR official fenced off-leash dog parks maintained by public/private partnerships, with more in the works. As the county continues to urbanize, the need for off-leash dog parks and separate leashed areas is simply smart planning.

Furthermore, in 1984 very few people understood or followed dog-walking etiquette of always have a Poopy Bag in your pocket. Now, it's simply good manners and Poopy Bags are now a part of every park in the county (and city ones as well.) Plus, since 1984, we now have poop littering laws on the books on county land as well as city ordinances. That's made a big difference, especially combined with public education AND very public enforcement.

Parks & Recreation uses have also change enormously since 1984. As the baby boomer demographic continues to rise (especially in this county as more and retirees call SLO County home) the need for baseball fields and soccer fields will diminish as the population changes and the need for more passive recreation for older seniors will increase.

Few seniors play baseball, but a whole lot of them own companion animals and that shift in recreational needs should be seriously considered by any Park & Rec board and/or planning boards.

For example, the ADA compliant, (very first) fenced off-leash dog park at El Chorro Regional Park in San Luis Obispo gets *far more daily use* than the baseball fields and/or the kid's very expensive, newly installed jungle-gym area. Yet, unlike those areas, the dog park was and is far less expensive to build and is maintained by volunteers, thereby giving the county a *huge* bang for their recreation buck, not to mention the generous *partnering by the city of San Luis Obispo's Parks & Rec department*, which participates with a fair share of the cost of the poopy bags used at the park. (This was based on studies conducted of park use, with over 1/2 of the users living within SLO City limits)

Furthermore, with limited land available for recreational use and a growing population, smart planning looks at dual use and multiple use, the old win-win strategy of setting aside certain areas for certain uses while banning it in other areas. Thus, smart planning would involve having dedicated on-leash walkways (maintained by volunteers) and dedicated fenced off-leash areas (also maintained by volunteers) which would *then* allow designating other areas as being ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS allowed.

In short, it's the old win-win of "do that here, NOT over there, " a smart planning option that gives cities and counties maximum control and maximum flexibility and maximum options.

Diane Burkhart, Paso Robles

I think things have changed a lot. In 1984 I doubt I would have ever picked up my dogs poop. I just wasn't educated. And there were a lot more open spaces to just run free so you didn't have to. Now places to walk your dog are at a premium and we all know that a few bad owners spoil it for everyone so we police ourselves.

Rhoda Paysnick, Paso Robles,

The question is not what has changed about owning a dog since 1984, but what has changed about this area. The ordinance was written with the area at the heart of enforcement and not the individual dog owners. This point needs to be clarified. The area has changed significantly in the last twenty-two years. The number of home owners with domestic animals is quite a bit higher than it was 22 years ago. In 1984, this was still primarily a ranching community. It no longer fits that description. There are many more residential areas than ranch areas in Paso Robles at present. The council needs to get in touch with the needs and demands of the present day residents of Paso Robles.

Appendix H: Public support for proposal

The following pages contain letters of support from businesses and organizations in the community with an interest in pet-related products or services, travel accommodations for visitors, recreation and fitness, and neighborhood improvements.

We have received pledges of support from the following:

The Tribune (March 17, 2006 “Opinion of the Tribune”)
Paso Robes Press (March 31, 2006 online survey 80% of readers responding approve proposal)
Hampton Inn
Travelodge
Kennedy Club Fitness
Lemos Pet and Feed Supply
Pet Department
All-Star Pets
Re/Max Realty (20 agents)
Paso Pet Care
Good Dogs Companion Dog Training
Gibson & Company
Golden Collar

We have 1,110 signatures on petitions signed from residents of our community in support of our proposal.



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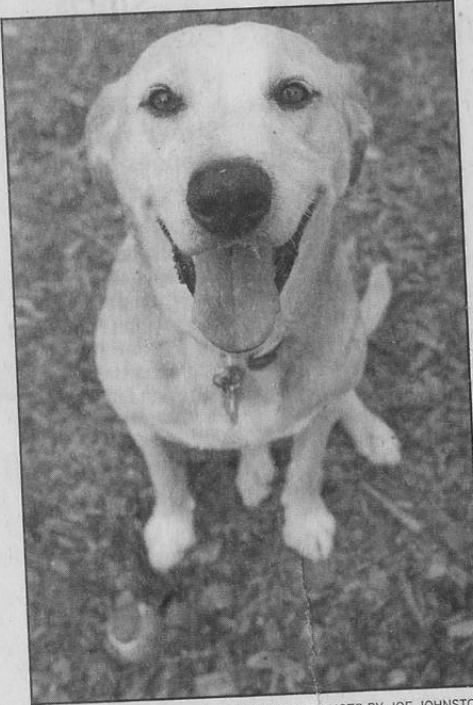
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Runt came with his owner, Kay De Smet, from Shell Beach and was ready to play fetch at El Chorro Regional Park in San Luis Obispo.

Give pooches another chance in Paso parks

It's a dog's life for the pooches of Paso, where man's best friend isn't allowed to set so much as a paw in a public park — even on a leash.

Dogs were banned from all city parks in 1984 after irresponsible pet owners failed to clean up after their canines, creating a public health nuisance and making more work for city maintenance crews. As a result, the city cracked down on all dog owners — a classic case of a few rotten apples spoiling everyone's fun.

We understand the reason for the tough stance, but because of it, the city lags in meeting the needs of an important segment of the population: responsible pet owners who are conscientious in caring for their animals.

While other San Luis Obispo County communities are establishing off-leash parks where dogs are free to roam, Paso residents are traveling out of town just to find a park where they can walk their leashed dogs.

It's time the city gave dog owners a second chance.

A nonprofit group, Parks-4-Pups, is asking the city to allow dog walking on a limited basis, by permitting leashed dogs in a designated area or trail in one city park. The group is offering to maintain that area, so the city won't incur any additional expense. If it fails to live up to the bargain, Parks-4-Pups understands that the dog-walking privilege will be revoked.

The city should jump on the offer. Dog walking is a healthy, inexpensive form of exercise. It also provides opportunities for dog owners to relax and socialize with one another. In short, it's good for mental and physical health. And for a tourist community such as Paso Robles, it makes economic sense to provide pet-friendly accommodations for visitors who choose to travel with their pets.

It's time for Paso Robles to loosen the leash and allow dogs back in one or more of its parks, at least on a trial run. In turn, pet owners should show they're deserving of a second chance by keeping the parks clean.

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February 20, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Department of Library and Recreation Services
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Greetings Mr. Nash,

It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a city ordinance in place (SEC 08.08.055) that bans dogs, on-leash or off-leash, from all Paso Robles city parks. When I first heard this I thought the person was joking and I laughed. I have been a dog owner/lover my entire life and a law abiding resident of the city of Paso Robles for more than ten years, so I thought!

Since I have learned that I was breaking the law I have restrained from taking Hazel to any park in Paso Robles, and she is not happy about it. I would like to request that the Parks and Recreation Committee review the ordinance and make the necessary compromises to permit our four legged best friends to have a place to play and recreate.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation regarding this very serious matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at my phone numbers listed above.

Respectfully submitted,



Jocelyn Baer
Park and Puppy Dog Lover



March 22, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash:

The Hampton Inn & Suites of Paso Robles is dedicated to promoting diversification as well as a high level of satisfaction among all of our guests. We are one of the few lodging facilities in the city of Paso Robles that welcomes travelers with pets.

We were very surprised recently to find out that our great city actually has a municipal ordinance that prohibits dogs on leash in city parks, all but eliminating our guest's opportunity to enjoy our community's nature with their dog.

It has come to our attention that an organization called Parks-4-Pets will be submitting a proposal to the city in order to have a designated trail or area within a city park where dogs on leashes would be welcome.

All of us at the Hampton Inn & Suites ask that you give this proposal your serious consideration. It would greatly benefit our pet owner visitors that spend their hard earned dollars to visit our city as well as those who are lucky enough to reside here and own dogs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Roof". Above the signature, there is a short, slanted line that looks like a stylized "W".

William H. Roof, CHA
General Manager



April 24, 2006

Robert Nash
Department of Library
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600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, Ca 93446

RE: Veterinary Support for "Parks-4-Pups"

Dear Mr. Nash,

As veterinary professionals practicing in Paso Robles, we would like to voice our support for the efforts of Parks-4-Pups to have areas designated within our city parks where owners can legally walk their leashed dogs. Beyond the merits that have previously been addressed to you, there is another, very basic reason to consider: a primary factor in ensuring the physical and mental health of our pets is regular exercise.

Lack of exercise – especially for dogs - results in very negative consequences for not only the animals, but also their owners and the community at large. With regard to pet health, obesity has become a significant problem; just as in the human population, overweight and obese animals suffer more health problems – including diabetes, orthopedic injuries, and arthritis – and they have shorter life expectancies.

In addition to the health concerns, dog behavior is also adversely affected by the lack of exercise and limited opportunities for dogs to socialize – with people and other dogs. By now almost everyone has heard of Caesar Milan, the "Dog Whisperer." As a respected trainer and educator, Mr. Milan strongly advocates exercise as key in developing positive behavior patterns and well-adjusted dogs. The reason he has attracted so much interest and media coverage is because dog behavior problems impact all of us. There are noise and property issues, serious safety concerns, and humane considerations.

As veterinarians, we are challenged by all of the negative consequences: dog fight wounds, injuries to abandoned animals, relinquishment of animals to shelters, euthanasia of animals unsuitable for adoption, quarantining required because of bite wounds, counseling clients frustrated by problem pets, and the overall health concerns – all of which could be lessened or improved with basic, regular exercise.

We hope this information provides you with a better understanding of how negative and far-reaching the effects of the current ordinance - banning dogs from our parks – is and can be. The goal for all of us should be to create harmonious people-pet relationships within our community. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions and/or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Stacker, DVM / Owner

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April 17, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash,

Gibson & Company supports the efforts of Parks-4-Pups in promoting responsible dog ownership in our community. I understand their organization is proposing to adopt a park trail within one of our city parks where dogs on-leash will be welcome. Their offer to pay for doggy walk bags and maintain the area with their volunteers is a generous one that we should accept.

As a downtown merchant, I know that visitors to our city often travel with dogs and would welcome a park area where they could walk their dogs. By providing an attractive and convenient location for dog-walkers, we can better enforce laws that keep dogs out of areas where they are unwanted such as sports fields and concert settings.

I feel that this proposal is a welcome solution for dog owners who want to enjoy our beautiful community as well as help to preserve the beauty and safety of our parks for all of our residents and visitors.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Gibson
Proprietor



April 19, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation
Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash

Kennedy Club Fitness is dedicated to promoting fitness in our community with clubs in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Atascadero and upcoming in Paso Robles. We know that recreation and exercise are important ways to "strengthen" a community and bring people together in positive ways.

We were very surprised and frankly, disappointed to learn that Paso Robles has a municipal ordinance that bans dogs on-leash in city parks depriving many city residents from an enjoyable form of exercise.

We understand that the organization known as Parks-4-Pups is submitting a proposal for the city to designate a trail or an area within a city park where dogs on-leash would be welcome. Their offer to pay for doggy walk bags and maintain this trail with their volunteers is generous. We hope you will give this proposal your serious consideration, as it would be of great benefit to residents and visitors to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barb Kennedy".

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May 1, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 94446

Dear Mr. Nash,

As a dog owner, I understand the responsibility of exercising and socializing my pet. Many dogs will show behavior problems if not exercised regularly. As the owner of two pet stores in the county, I often advise customers with these problems. Excessive barking, digging, and destructive chewing are just a few of the behavior problems that are caused from improper physical outlets. The answer to most of these issues is to provide lots of walking or running for the dog. This prescription often has nice side effects for the humans, also.

Many cities safely fulfill this basic dog ownership responsibility by providing designated areas to safely encourage walking. I was very disappointed to find out that the City of Paso Robles not only discourages on-leash walking in city parks, but has actually made it illegal! This only adds to the unacceptable behavior problems, and can ultimately lead to unwanted, homeless dogs, when all they need is a safe form of exercise.

I strongly encourage you to accept the proposal that Parks-4-Pups submits. This is a well lead, energetic, dog-loving group of volunteers that have accomplished much in their short existence. I often use the dog park in Atascadero for my active dogs, and am amazed at the work that this group has accomplished. I have been a "park angel" with this group since its inception, and go to the park on my designated one day of the month to "clean up". I rarely have much to clean up, as the responsible pet owners who use the park do most of the work themselves. Everyone pitches in.

Dog owners are a passionate bunch! We will do just about ANYTHING for the well-being of our animals. I hope that the City of Paso Robles will trust us with the responsibility of maintaining on-leash areas for walking our dogs in city parks. This will create happy dogs, and happy dog owners.

Sincerely,

Judy Front, owner, All Star Pets

April 19, 2006

Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation
Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash,

I was surprised to discover that our city is one of the few that does not have a designated dog park. Not only do I support our city having one, but I have found that so many people I have spoken to, think it is a great idea. If I currently had more time to devote to this cause, I feel extremely confident that I could get several more signatures. If need be, at a later date, I will set some time aside to do so.

When discussing this issue with others in our community, it seems that the people who own dogs want this option and opportunity. What harm would it do? Parks-4-Pups are proposing an on-leash area within one of our city parks. It is my understanding that items for waste disposal will be provided. It is good, it's positive, it's friendly, and I can't imagine why this proposal wouldn't be welcomed.

Please consider this proposal as an improvement and one more quality amenity to our lovely city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Bankston".

Kim Bankston



April 17, 2006

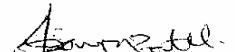
Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash:

The Travelodge welcomes the many visitors to our city who travel with pets. We support the efforts of Parks-4-Pups to sponsor and maintain park areas where dog owners can walk their dogs on-leash in our city parks. We understand and share their concerns for maintenance and safety in our park areas among our city residents.

We feel that providing a safe and attractive recreation alternative for our dog owners is a benefit to all of our citizens and visitors and deserves your consideration of their proposal.

Sincerely,


Ajay Patel
Resident Manager

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Mr. Robert Nash
Paso Robles Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
600 Nickerson Drive
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Mr. Nash:

As a business owner of a pet-related commercial establishment, I am concerned about the lack of recreational areas for dog owners in our city. The municipal ordinance that restricts dogs from our city parks denies many of our citizens of an opportunity to exercise and socialize in our beautiful parks. Our customers are responsible dog owners who want only the best for their dogs and our community.

I hope that your committee and the City Council will accept the proposal from Parks-4-Pups to adopt a park trail that allows people to walk their dogs on-leash. Their offer to pay for and maintain this area would be a great benefit to our community.

Sincerely,

Tina Price

The Pet Department
705 6th Street
Paso Robles, CA
93446

Dear Mr. Nash,

My name is Dirk Dole. My wife and I moved to this area thirteen years ago. We love this North County that we now call home. Upon moving here we started the Pet Department on 6th Street, and are coming up on our thirteen year Anniversary.

I have personally seen the benefit of pet ownership for both young and old alike, providing them with unconditional love, companionship and a true friend.

I understand there is an organization called Parks-4-Pups. This organization is trying to provide a place for our “best friends” to run and socialize with other dogs and their owners. I can only see that such a designated area would be a benefit to the community of Paso Robles. I plan on supporting and sponsoring the Parks-4-Pups organization in any way that I can, and I hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,



Dirk Dole