



**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA.94123**

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Dogs need to be off leash.
IN FT. FUNSTON — OPEN IT UP.

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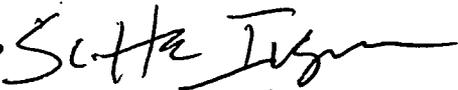
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Sincerely, 

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SAN FRANCISCO CA
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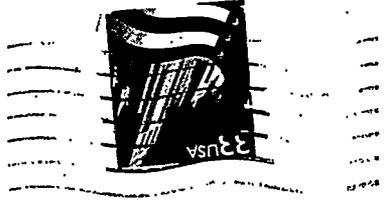
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

There can be a happy medium between ecological preservation and public enjoyment of public lands. Open hearings should be held and Dog owners should not be relegated to spots outside of the city.

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2954 Diamond St #3

SF CA 94131

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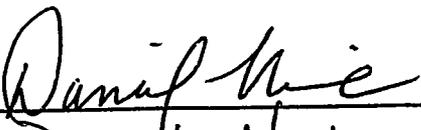
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Daniel Nielas

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Name: Nancy Newell
Address: 101 Lombard Ave
SF CA 94111
Date: Sept. 18, 2000

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Nancy Newell
(I walk with my friends who have dogs)

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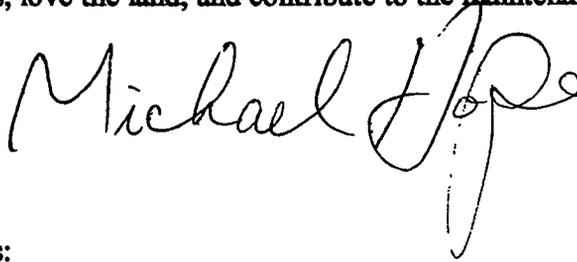
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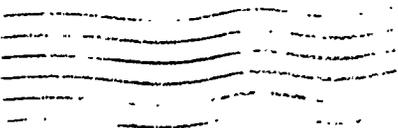
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135 GLEN DR

SAUSALITO, CA 94965

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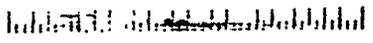
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A. McNamee

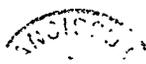
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Sincerely,



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Alex Oleg
180 Caldecott Lane #309
Ogland, CA 94618

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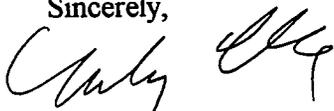
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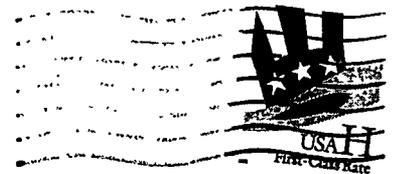
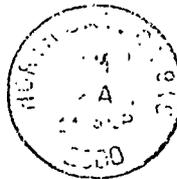
Return address: MOLLY CLARK

135 GLEN DR

SAUSALITO, CA 94965

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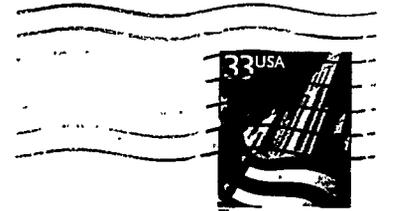
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Return address: 3561 Fleetwood Dr

San Bruno, CA 94066

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William R. Kales
2634 Broderick St.
San Francisco, CA 94123

18 September 2000

Brian O'Neill, GGNRA Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

RE: Closure of Fort Funston to Dog Walkers

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority. Section 1 of the GGNRA Act states:

"In order to preserve for public use and enjoyment certain areas of Marin and San Francisco Counties, California, possessing outstanding natural, historic, scenic, and recreational values, and in order to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space necessary to urban environment and planning, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (hereinafter referred to as the 'recreation area') is hereby established."

This act supersedes any regulations developed by the Park Service to run their bureaucracy. The stated purpose for the closure is to protect Bank swallows and yet the actions of the Park Service in tearing out ice plant and thus causing erosion has actually caused the demise of the Bank Swallows.

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Sincerely,



William R. Kales

C.C. Ieland Yee, SF Supervisor
Nancy Pelosi, SF Congresswoman
Diane Feinstein, Calif Senator

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

It's very important to keep places in this crowded city where dogs can run free & exercise. Please don't close off this wonderful place for man's best friend.

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Sincerely,

Laurie Pitman

Return address: 953 Haight

SF CA 94117

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CLIFFORD J. LIEHE
131 PARKER AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118

September 18, 2000

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Re: Fort Funston

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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I am writing to protest the proposed closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. I am a dogwalker and have probably visited Fort Funston with my dog hundreds of times over the last 10 years.

First and foremost, I believe that Fort Funston should remain a recreational area as required by Congressional mandate and the deed which transferred Fort Funston to the Park Service. Recreation includes dogwalking and dogwalking appears to be the predominant use of Fort Funston. Closure of 12 more acres only precludes recreation.

As a lifetime Sierra Club member, I am not opposed to protecting bank swallows. However, the proposed closure is once again overkill on the part of the Park Service. Even if some sort of closure might help protect bank swallows (which is certainly debatable), I am aware of no justification for closing anything other than the faces and tops of the cliffs where they nest.

As I do at other locations, I clean up after my dog and observe other dog walkers doing the same. Litter bags are supplied by the Fort Funston Dog Walkers organization (to which I belong). Dog owners are doing their part to keep Fort Funston clean and safe.

Please withdraw this latest attempt by the Park Service to preclude dog walking at Fort Funston.

Sincerely,


Clifford J. Liehe

cc: Fort Funston Dog Walkers
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Tom Lantos

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2201 California St. #3
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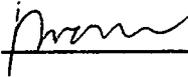
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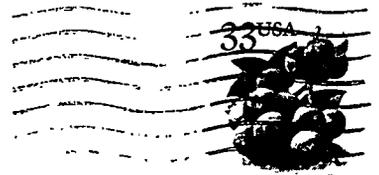
Rick McInnis

9 Montezuma St.

SF, CA 94117

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Re: Fort Funston Closure

Please help bring some sanity to this situation. This piece of land was given to San Francisco to be used as an open recreational area to be used by the citizens of our wonderful city. It is not an animal preserve nor is it Yosemite. It is an urban recreation area. And should remain

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Sincerely,

Shirley N. Donovan

Return address: Shirley N. Donovan

103 Scott Street

San Francisco CA

94117

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S. Donovan
103 Scott
SF CA 94117



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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My dog really enjoys The GGNRA, and in fairness to all members of the voting public, I think its the governments duty to provide access to public lands to all groups of society

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1451-A Stevenson St.
SAN FRANCISCO CA 941103

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Dogs need exercise on the beach near the city.
Be kind to your best friend,

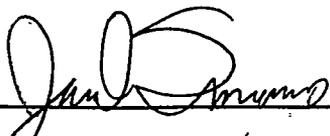
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Sincerely,

Return address: Virginia TALBOT

4711 NICKERSON BLVD

Hudson, KS 67801

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Stacy Stevenson

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S. Stevenson

864 Chenery St

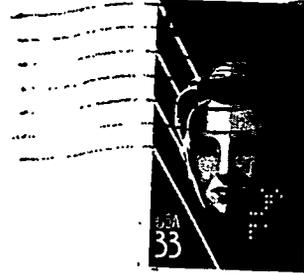
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*Steven
804 Chienery St
SF, CA 94131*



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Sincerely,

 (Dr. Bob Stuart)

Return address: 150 Lombard St 207

SF CAL 94114

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Name: Patricia Britt
Address: 1613 Adrien Drive
Date: 9/18/00

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Sincerely,

Patricia M. Britt

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I am troubled at the prospect of the closure of part of Fort Funston. I use this area almost every day, year-round to exercise with my dog. To further lose any off-leash dog space would be detrimental to my dog, me, and the greater community of San Francisco.

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Sincerely,

Laura Stojnowski
Laura Stojnowski
1266 Guerrero Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

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Laura Strojnowski
1266 Guerrero Str
SF, CA 94110



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Laura L. Strojnowski
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Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson

Return address: 1180 Flying Fish St.
Foster City, CA 94404

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September 18, 2000

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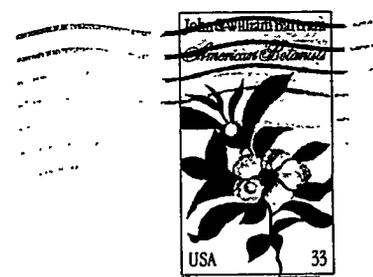
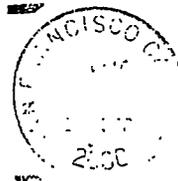
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John J. Dyal
55 Mason St. #303
San Francisco, Ca 94102

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Sincerely, 

Return address: Matthew Chavez

3570 Jamison Way
Castro Valley, Calif

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Sincerely,

Deirdre McGlashan

Return address: _____

2614-18th Ave

San Francisco CA 94116

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Superintendent Bruce Neill
Sutton Park Historic Recreation area
Smy and Franklin streets
Building 207, 3rd floor
San Francisco, CA 94133



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

As a SF native of 47 years I've
a deep love and appreciation of our Parks
I have a child 4 y/o and dog. We use
the parks daily. I've become ~~frustrated~~
very sad and frustrated with the numerous
parks that are no longer available
to off leash use. How are families
with dogs to cope; the parks are for everyone
we are conscientious, responsible pet owners.
I strenuously object to the loss of off leash
use at all parks!

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Jeanne deVilliers
1184 TREAT AVE
SF CA 94110
415-9790

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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to responsible pet owners in a large city such
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Sincerely,

Return address: Courtney Plegier
39 Woodland Ave.
San Francisco CA 94117

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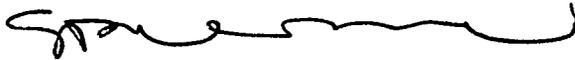
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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

SEAN FLANAGAN

810 GROVE ST.

SAN FRANCISCO/CA
94117

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Please try to find a compromise between our use of this rare recreational facility and the environment. We have so few places to go with our dog. Losing one more breaks our heart!

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Sincerely,

Return address: _____

Scott & Tamara Gaffney
2405 Palmer Avenue
Belmont, CA 94002

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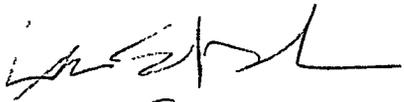
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Sincerely,


KAREN FESSLER

Return address: _____

6345 California St.
SF Ca 94121

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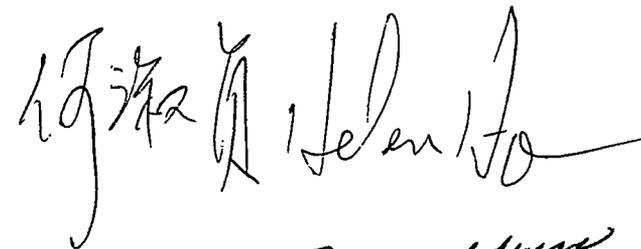
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

RE: Protesting Closure of 12 Acres of Fort Funston, CA

Stop fencing off areas in Fort Funston!!! Enough has been fenced off. The Audubon Society & California Native Plant Society have given their input and as a result, more fences have been put up. Most people who use Fort Funston are people who have dogs. We are very responsible in keeping the area clean and picking up after our dogs; cleanups are scheduled monthly. We go there to hike and enjoy the scenic area with our dogs. It is a joy for both dog owners and their dogs to be able to play freely and to have canine socialization. Fort Funston has allowed dogs off-leash for decades. Why is it changing now? There are more people now with dogs but there are so few places for people and dogs to be able to hike together. As one of many dogwalkers/taxpayers, I truly enjoy and appreciate this park. Now it is our turn to say **STOP** this nonsense! We have a right to enjoy the park too!!!

Sincerely, 

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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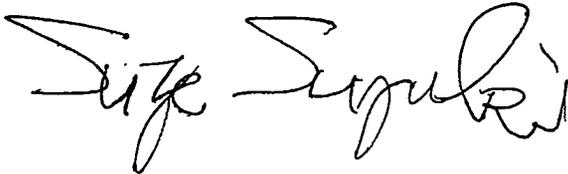
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Good
3rd Generation
San Francisco

Dear Sir
Please do
what you can to
return FT. Funston
to the animals and
people and make
the NPS behave like
adults not rotten
kids.

Thank you
Alice Kain
809 Noriega
San Francisco CA 94112

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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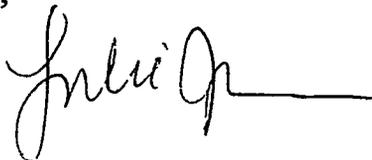
As a native Bay Area I am so upset by the dwindling number of available OPEN LAND, for all walks of life, not just a select few. I am a member of Greenpeace, and very concerned about the Squalows nesting area. I have never seen a dog digging on the cliffs, I don't think they could even reach the cliff area. Please help!

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Leslie Jenks

3219 Harrison St

San Francisco CA 94116

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Sincerely,

Mirna E. Cuella-

Return address: 758 Skyline Drive
Daly City, CA 94015

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Mirna E. Cuellar
758 Skyline Dr.
Daly City, CA 94015



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Dear Mr. O'Neill: Please don't close off the Fort.

I do support wildlife. And seasonal closures for the bank swallows is in part sensible. However, permanent closure is ridiculous. ① The birds do not need the area year round. ② By bringing in "native plants" (remember it really was just sand dunes) you also are bringing back little creatures & following them big predators i.e. hawks which also feed on Bank Swallows. ③ Being a biology major I've studied survival of the fittest. The most fit swallows should live to carry on their dominant "fit" genes. Any swallow unable to stay out of a dog's reach is unfit. Dogs also keep cats away & cats are much better at birding than dogs.

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Al Panale

*Also my nephew
loves the dunes at
Fort Funston. He is
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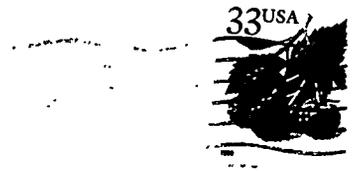
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737 Wheeler Ave

SF CA 94112

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September 1, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

This letter is written in regards to the closure of twelve acres at Fort Funston. This closure has been a detrimental, arbitrary decision against dog owners who have walked their dogs at Fort Funston for two decades. The decision to close on the grounds of preserving space for endangered Bank Swallows is facetious. The closure is excessive in nature and over compensates for years of neglect on the part of the GGNRA.

Fort Funston was given to the GGNRA for the recreational use of San Francisco residents. The legislation creating the GGNRA specified urban recreation as a PRIORITY. The majority of the visitors to Fort Funston are city residents and their dogs. They go there to enjoy its long tradition of off-leash dog walking and canine socialization. The setting is among the most beautiful in the world, the California coastline.

In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, this space is important to the Fort Funston visitors who keep dogs and love the space we utilize. Our contribution to the maintenance of our local environment is borne in our monthly clean-up parties and strong dog owner associations.

I ask that you please reconsider the decision to erect a permanent fence that would close twelve acres of our beloved Fort Funston. That reconsideration would return this part of the GGNRA back to those of us that care for its long-term well being.

Respectfully,



Douglas Moran
For Funston Dog Walkers, Member
OMI-Neighbors In Action, Vice President

cc: The Honorable Willie L. Brown Jr., Mayor San Francisco
The Honorable Barbara Boxer, United States Senator
The Honorable Diane Feinstein, United States Senator
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Member US House of Representatives
The Honorable Tom Lantos, Member US House of Representatives
Fort Funston Dog Walkers

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Lori E. Andrus
87A Cortland Avenue
San Francisco, California 94110
(415) 225-5674

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Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240
San Francisco, CA 94111

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United States Senator
525 Market Street, Suite 3670
San Francisco, CA 94105

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 145380
San Francisco, CA 94102

The Honorable Tom Lantos
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
400 South El Camino Real, Suit 410
San Mateo, CA 94402

Re: National Park Service's Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Fort Funston

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing to assert my profound objection to the proposed closure of twelve (12) acres of Fort Funston.

First, the National Park Service's proposal is directly contrary to the deed that transferred the space from the City of San Francisco. That deed requires that the National Park Service use the land for "recreation or park purposes forever," and not for any other alleged purpose, including those as noble as wildlife protection.

Furthermore, the Congressional action which created the GGNRA mandated

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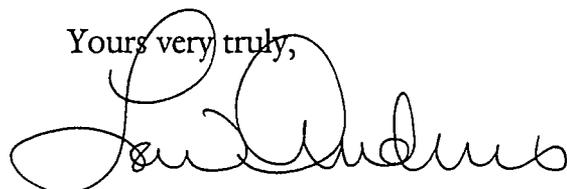
that GGNRA parks be maintained for “needed recreational open space.” No reasonable interpretation of either of these directives countenance the notion that 20% of Fort Funston should be permanently closed off entirely from its visitors year-round.

The purported basis for closing off portions of Fort Funston is unsupported by scientific, or even anecdotal, evidence. According to its proponents, the closure will help protect bank swallows which nest on the cliff-face and near the top of the cliffs. According to the California Department of Fish & Game, closure of those areas **alone** is sufficient to protect the bank swallows. Despite this guidance, which comes, incidentally, from the agency charged with protecting these animals, proponents of the closure maintain, without explanation, that the bank swallows require closure of sizable additional portions of the park. The National Park Service has not conducted environmental studies nor studies of park usage to determine the effects of the closure on wildlife and visitors. More importantly, the bank swallow population has declined dramatically since closures of the park in 1995. There is no evidence that the previous closures have benefitted, or the proposed closures will benefit, the bank swallows.

There is no question, though, that the closures will negatively effect park users, the majority of whom are dog-owners. In a city in which thirty-eight percent (38%) of the population own dogs, open off-leash space is vital. As you have undoubtedly witnessed yourselves, open space has decreased over the past few years, and we dog-owners are concerned that we will eventually find ourselves in a city hostile to our co-existence. I am fortunate to live in Bernal Heights, a particularly dog-friendly neighborhood, with a dog-friendly landlord and roommate. I regularly participate in park cleanups and am a responsible dog-owner. I bring my two dogs to Fort Funston at least once a month to watch them frolic for hours. Fort Funston is often referred to in guide books as “heaven” for dogs, and I couldn’t agree more.

I respectfully request your support in this matter. Please do not allow the Park Service to further stifle the dog-owning community to satisfy its unfounded assertions of wildlife protection, in contravention of the City’s deed and the Congressional edict which brought Fort Funston to us in the first place.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori E. Andrus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lori" being the most prominent part.

Lori E. Andrus

cc: Fort Funston Dog Walkers
P.O. Box 959

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Daly City, CA 94017

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Dear Mr. O'Neill, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. As a long time SF dog owner, I have seen the number of places where off leash walking is permitted dwindle to only a few fenced areas which are ^{not} pleasant for my dogs or myself. We have had to go to the East Bay where they seem able to adequately protect the environment and give pleasure to dogs and owners. I do not feel that I should have to leave my city to walk my dogs. Fort Funston was given to the Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use and as a tax paying resident of the city, I feel that such use includes allowing the decades old tradition of off leash play by dogs and their owners. When walking my dog at Fort Funston, I am impressed that the majority of users are dogs and their people and that the Fort is clean and harmonious.

I certainly support protection of the swallows and native plants and feel that there is room for us all with suitable planning.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Ederson, Telemark
53 Edinburgh Peak
SF, CA 94112

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MAUREEN J. O'CONNOR
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COLMA, CA 94014-3160
(650) 756-0153
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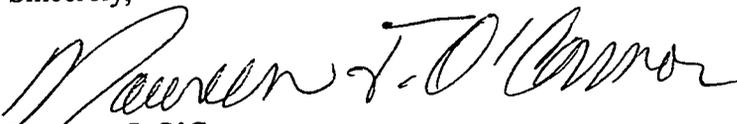
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I would like to register my concern and dismay at the proposed closure of 12 acres of land at the northern end of Fort Funston. As part of the GGNRA, this land is mandated for needed recreational open space and was transferred to GGNRA to be used for recreation or park purposes. This is a unique and badly needed area used for many years primarily for off-leash canine recreation. There are precious few such areas available in our densely populated urban area. It is well maintained by the Fort Funston Dog Walkers and SFDOG.

I understand that the bank swallows are at issue and that the cliff face and immediate tops are necessary to protect them. I do not understand why so much additional land is being cordoned off.

I urge you to reverse the decision to close off the full 12 acres and to reduce the closure to the cliff face and immediate cliff top area.

Sincerely,



Maureen J. O'Connor

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Representative Nancy Pelosi
Representative Tom Lantos
Fort Funston Dog Walkers

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: PETER BURNE
Address: 2825 23rd St.
SF CA 94110
Date: 9-1-00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

THERE ARE NO SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THAT JUSTIFY THE
CLOSURE OF 12 ACRES OF OPEN LAND AT FORT FUNSTON.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

PETER BURNE

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CONFIDENTIAL



Ms. Stacey Evans
2825 23rd St.
San Francisco, CA 94110-3413

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Date: Sept. 1 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My husband and I enjoy walking our pet dog at Fort Funston and we benefit from being outside in the open space — as the need for open space is a priority in the mandate of GGNRA — I hope the 12 acres will remain open to the park users.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill

Please continue your efforts to preserve the Ft. Funston habitat of the Bank Swallow - the only place in the Bay Area where this endangered species is holding on.

The Ft Funston park is surely large enough to allow special space for these wonderful birds.

Most sincerely,

Janet A. Wessel

3081 N. Main St. - 27
Walnut Creek - CA 94596

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Katherine Brody
333 Parkwood St
San Francisco 94116

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GGNRA008883



**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123**

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SEPTEMBER 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I have walked my dogs and friends' and neighbors' dogs at Fort Funston for 24 years... as a resident of both San Francisco and Daly City. Visiting friends from the east coast and all over the United States have been delighted with all the happy dogs running free and the friendly people who accompany them. ^{ocean} Views on the walks and beach accesses, spring wildflowers, and feeding whales and porpoises, and pelican patrols have all earned rave reviews from visiting friends and relatives. Most (including my Mom) are very upset that the park service is restricting the use of Fort Funston.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Diana M. Chase

Return address: D. M. Chase

95 Mar Vista Drive

Daly City, Ca.

94014

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Superintendent
Golden Gate NRA
Building 201
Fort Mason, S.F.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Sir:

This letter is in support of your closure of part of Ft. Funston to protect an ecosystem and wildlife. I am impressed by the recovery of the Ft. Funston ecosystem and want to see this recovery continue. I also support restrictions on dog walkers - among other problems, I have witnessed frightening encounters between unleashed dogs and children in the park.

Sincerely,

Thomas S Briggs
845 Corbett Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94131

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Continuation of 9/1/00

My dogs and I usually visit Ft. Funston about five times a week. This area is supposed to be for recreational use. This is not supposed to be closed without a hearing. I request that no more land be fenced off.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Joan Kaddas

Return address:

83 Alpine Ave
Daly City 94015

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am visiting Fort Funston with my dog Jedi; and I'm fortunate to have experienced this beautiful spot. I'm sure my dog feels the same. Please listen to these letters, not just for me but for my four legged friend stool

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

Sept. 2. 2000

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

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Sincerely,

Megan A Berry
Megan Ann Berry
58 Shepard ave
Saranac Lake N.Y. 12983

The Adirondack
Park

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123**



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

9/3/00

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I go to Fort Funston three or four times a week with my husband (who goes twice daily). I have arthritis and used to enjoy walking the Sunset Trail until it was demolished for "my safety"??? Personally, I never feared for my safety when I was walking there.

The new water fountain is a welcome addition, but hardly makes up for the fencing off of the most scenic parts of the park. Is GGNRA's ultimate goal to have flora and fauna in the park with everything fenced off from people and dogs?

The NPS used to have a wonderful reputation and I would never have expected it to resort to pseudo-science and subterfuge (changing signs from "closed for native plant restoration" to "closed for your safety"), renegeing on past agreements, and resorting to illegal means to erect fences and close off prime areas of the park.

Fort Funston is an urban park - please don't try to pretend that it is Yellowstone! We live in a densely populated city and need all of Fort Funston to walk our dogs, stretch our legs, and enjoy the vistas from the fenced-off bluffs.

Sincerely,

Marion T. Dorning

Marion T. Dorning
2425 Pacheco St.
San Francisco, CA 94116-1151

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GGNRA008892

**Gina M. Solomon, M.D., M.P.H.
305 Montcalm St.
San Francisco, CA 94110**

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE

September 2, 2000

Re: Keep Fort Funston open to off-leash recreation

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

As a physician and a dog owner, I am asking you to keep the additional 12 acres at Fort Funston open and accessible to people and off-leash dogs. As a physician who takes care of many patients with disabilities, I have come to believe the strong evidence that companion animals provide great therapeutic benefit to many people. I have seen patients with severe back injuries recover far more quickly when they have a dog, as this means they exercise daily. In my trips to Fort Funston, I am struck by the important role this leash-free open space has in the City of San Francisco. Science demonstrates that people with companion animals have better health and mental status. In addition, I believe that the exercise and fresh air people get while walking their dogs along the ocean is healthy for individuals with asthma, diseases related to obesity or poor circulation, cardiac disease, and many musculoskeletal problems.

My concern is that efforts to re-introduce once-native vegetation, and efforts to protect swallows may adversely impact San Francisco dog owners' ability to get healthful exercise with their pets. My understanding is that urban recreation was explicitly stated as a priority both by Congress and by the City of San Francisco in the disposition of Fort Funston. It seems to me that the GGNRA is diverging far from this legal and historical mandate in its proposed course of action.

Closing more than 20 percent of Fort Funston to all recreational use is inappropriate in a city where people and their companion animals desperately need space for exercise. This is not wilderness land, but rather urban park and recreational space. Protection of the bank swallows is important, but I understand that this can be accomplished by closing only the cliff face and cliff tops.

Please rescind the proposal to close the additional 12 acres at Fort Funston. Keep this park available as open recreational space to Bay Area residents and their dogs.

Sincerely,



Gina M. Solomon, M.D., M.P.H.

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SEP 03 2000

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I visit Fort Funston twice daily with my three year old Yellow Labrador Retriever. It is good exercise for both the dog and myself to have her off-leash so we can both move at our own pace. I pick up after her so there is no mess. As a matter of fact, it's remarkable how responsible most of the people who use Fort Funston are about keeping the park clean.

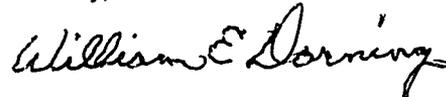
The views from the bluffs are magnificent, although until recently we have been unable to enjoy them, because of the ugly fences that GGNRA hastily and illegally installed. It is beyond my comprehension why the fences have to extend all the way to the paved paths when the Bank Swallows nest on the side of the cliffs facing the ocean and why the GGNRA wants to make the closure permanent when the birds are only here for approximately five months of the year. The whole project smacks of high-handedness and caving in to pressure from the Audubon Society for the Bank Swallows and from the Native Plant Society to install plants that were probably never there in the first place.

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Sincerely,



William E. Dorning
2425 Pacheco St.
San Francisco, CA 94116-1151

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Dear Mr. O'Neill

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Sunday Sept. 3, 2000

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Allison Rothman

Return address: Rothman
521 Clipper Street
San Francisco, CA
94114

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Sept 3, 00

Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent GGNRA
201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca. 94123

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COMMUNITY

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I wrote to you sometime in February to apologize for the actions of some of my fellow dog walkers at one of the initial meetings regarding Fort Funston.

I did attend the meeting of Tues. Aug. 29 and was disappointed that we were second on the agenda. Since we were promised a hearing it did not seem fair to me to schedule something of the magnitude of Fort Baker first. However, the thought I wish to convey to you is that as a dog walker of some years and considering many conversations I have had with my friends at Fort Funston we are afraid. And what we are afraid of, and has made us so defensive, is that without proper consideration GGNRA could make us leash our dogs and the next step would be to outlaw dogs altogether.

Please read and take this explanation seriously as I have heard this fear expressed over and over again.

If there is some way you can allay our fears the meetings would be much more peaceful and without the resentment that is felt and expressed now.

I appreciate that you answered my last letter so promptly and with so much courtesy.

Sincerely,

*Diane D. Grant
6 Lighthouse Rd.
Half Moon Bay, Ca. 94019*

WENDY E. BOLKER
2117 Broderick Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

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September 3, 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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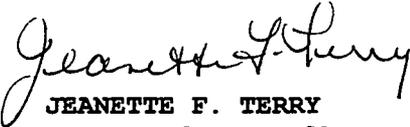
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

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Sincerely,



JEANETTE F. TERRY
For: Wendy E. Bolker

cc: Wendy E. Bolker

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1746 Virginia St.
Berkeley, CA 94703

Sept. 3, 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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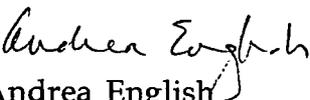
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of sensitive sand dune habitat in Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. This closure will help ensure the future of the bank swallow colony that nests on the cliff faces of these dunes, by helping to prevent human disturbance of the colonies and the erosion of the sand cliffs. It will also allow for the revegetation and restoration of these seriously eroding dunes.

Please do all you can to preserve this threatened species of bird and the habitat upon which it depends.

Thank you for your efforts,


Andrea English

FOFUAR02719

GGNRA008898

September 3, 2000

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill:

I am writing to request you cancel the closure of the twelve acres of Fort Funsten. Fort Funsten is one of the few dog parks around the Bay Area Peninsula and a beautiful treasure to the region. We take our dogs there frequently, a lot of our friends do as well and our children's playgroup even meets there periodically to take our toddlers and dogs on a beautiful scenic walk.

Please do not close Fort Funsten!

— Christina Fiske
Christina Fiske
Teacher
Pacifica, CA 94044

Christina Fiske
1007 Fassler Ave.
Pacifica, CA 94044

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Mallory O. Johnson
955 Ashbury Street #25
San Francisco, CA 94117
(415) 731-3424

September 4, 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My partner and I recently rescued, through Grateful Dog Rescue, a sweet 3 year old dog who was scheduled to be killed by Animal Care and Control because she was "too timid." Since we've adopted her, she has proven to be incredibly social and not the least timid. We have been socializing her with other dogs and people in dog-friendly areas of San Francisco. Upon taking her to Fort Funston, we realized that she loves to play on the beach. We thought that this was the perfect place to reward her with regular running and visits with other dogs. I had an intense feeling of pride in San Francisco the first visit there, as I realized few other cities would look out for the happiness and quality of life of all of its residents, human and canine.

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Please do something to prevent this closure. As with many parts of the bay area, once it is gone, it is gone for good.

Sincerely,



Mallory Johnson

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Melissa J. Benton
Address: 3016 FLEETWOOD DR.
SAN BRUNO, CA 94066-1702
Date: 9/4/00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Please do not discount the sincerity of this letter because I've taken advantage of the convenience of a form letter. I utilize the Fort Funston area regularly to exercise both my 2 dogs and myself. This area provides access not only to San Francisco residents but also San Mateo County residents. Please maintain this area.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



cc: Nancy Pelosi
DIANE FEINSTEIN
Tom LANTOS

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**Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123**

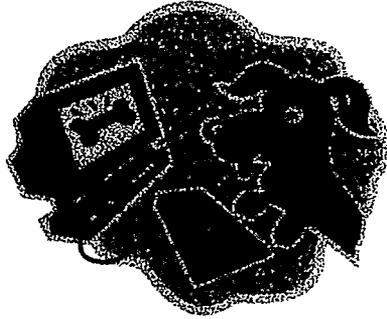
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ANIMAL BAY CARE

17 ANNEUNY ST. # 3
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117
415.398.4757
S.F. ANIMAL CARE & TRAINING CENTER

September 4, 2000

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Superintendent Brian O'Neil

Dear Mr. O'Neil,

I am writing to you to ask that you please reconsider your current plans for additional closures at Fort Funston. This natural treasure that long belonged to the people of San Francisco, should continue to serve the best interest of the people of San Francisco. Fort Funston is a very unique recreation area because of its beautiful surroundings, and the fact that animals, specifically dogs, are allowed to remain off leash. The park has been an off leash haven for dogs as far back as I can remember. People and their pets have spent countless hours of free style enjoyment, that could not be spent anywhere else. As the expression goes 'a happy dog is a tired dog.' Dogs, after all, are considered to be man's best friend. And well treated, domesticated pets have scientifically been proven to reduce the stress levels in human beings. But dogs need proper exercise in order to maintain a healthy physique. I represent a number of well-behaved dogs and their responsible guardians. The dogs require plenty of daily exercise and social stimulation, as they are very social creatures. As with any large group, there are always a few bad apples. Some irresponsible pet owners do not train or socialize their pets properly. Some also feel that it is not their duty to pick up after their pets. I assure you, that these people are not in the majority at Fort Funston. The majority of good pets should not be punished for a few bad pet owners.

I urge you to consider the impact on San Franciscans, of your decisions to eliminate more and more of the off leash recreational spots around the city. People and dogs need such relaxing, safe, enjoyable places as Funston to relieve the stresses of Everyday City life. The recent beach closures, as well as other recreational park closures, to off leash activity (Ocean Beach, Fort Miley, Presidio, Baker Beach, Sutro Heights, ect.) has already forced more dogs to flee to the freedom of Funston. Even with the increased amount of people and dogs there today, everyone is doing their best to get along. And we are very successful at taking care of the Park, through organizations such as SFDOG and FFDGOWALKERS.

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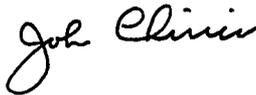
Members contribute by supplying poop bags, signs, as well as organizing group-poop clean ups. Seventy four percent of visitors to Fort Funston polled, said that the presence of off leash dogs was the best thing about the park. Only two percent had anything negative to say about the dogs. This was a GGNRA sanctioned survey.

There is no evidence of dogs killing or harassing the Bank Swallows. An independent biologist researching the Bank Swallows has attested to the position that the presence of humans and dogs has not led to the declining bird population. Other factors, such as the increase in predatory birds such as hawks, should be investigated. The removal of important plants and trees will ultimately leave FF totally venerable to the harsh pacific winds. Erosion control was a top priority for the Army Corp. engineers when designating FF as a military garrison. The ice grass that was brought in to cover the baron sand dunes has served its purpose for the past fifty years. Its removal will ultimately decimate the park and speed the erosion process. The same mistakes made by the Park Service that decimated Crissy Field (99 years of erosion in 1 year) would also destroy FF if the Park Service continues with its current plans.

The ultimate question is what kind of place should Fort Funston be? Should it be transplanted into some native plant habitat, off limits to most of the local population? Or should it remain the same, an off leash recreational park for the people of San Francisco, and the surrounding communities? Also, who should decide what becomes of Fort Funston, the GGNRA, or the people of San Francisco? In the coming weeks, you will receive hundreds, perhaps thousands of letters from the park users (who most are taxpayers), expressing their positions on this most important matter. Given the fact that our tax dollars go to support the GGNRA, and that Fort Funston has always been designated a recreational park for the people, I hope that you will give very careful consideration to the voices of the people who your decisions effect the most.

Sincerely,

John Chirico



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Name: *IUAN BOOKMAN*
Address: *723 Camino Plaza #149*
SAN BRUNO, CA 94066

Date: *9.4.00*

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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Sincerely,



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GGNRA008905

Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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GGNRA008906

Name: T. Moore
Address: 72 Fernwood Dr.
S.F., Ca. 94127

Date: 9-4-2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Walking at Fort Funston give me my primary cardiovascular exercise. It gives me such pleasure to walk by the beautiful Pacific Ocean, as a native San Franciscan the space at Fort Funston means a lot to me. Having to walk my dog is a joy at Fort Funston.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



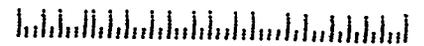
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 Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I go to Fort Funston with my dog, Kimma, at least three times a week. I got my dog after both my parents died five months apart in 1996. I walked on the beach and it was an essential part of my healing process. This place is a sanctuary for me. Not only do I pick up after my dog, I also pick up litter on the beach and up top every time I am at Fort Funston. I know of many dog owners who do the same. Since 1996, I have made new friendships and joined the Fort Funston Dog Walkers. Every month we hold organized cleanups to pick up after the few dog owners who are not as responsible. We care deeply about Fort Funston.

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Sincerely,



Carol Schlesinger
51 Melrose Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94131

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
cc: The Honorable Diane Feinstein
cc: The Honorable Tom Lantos

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

From: Dennis Dehne
52 Eddystone Court
Redwood City, Ca. 94065

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am not only a native Californian and San Franciscan, but also 1/4 American Indian. In reading the history of the NPS involvement with Fort Funston, (particularly the devotion to duplicity in order to achieve closure of RECREATIONAL land), I am of course reminded of the Federal Government's treatment of my ancestors.

Ripping up the pavement on the Sunset Trail was particularly helpful to the aged and disabled. What were you clowns thinking? (Oh what the hell, how much political power do the disabled and the elderly have compared say, to the lobby of "Native Plant activists." Perhaps the NPS could film the coast and we can all go have a "Virtual Recreational Experience" at our local theaters. If people want to experience the real thing they can always apply for jobs as NPS Rangers and enjoy the outdoors while kicking the taxpayers off the Recreational areas).

Sincerely,



Dennis Dehne

PS: I particularly enjoyed the squad cars dispatched on Labor Day to evict us from the North End of the area due to "unexploded ordinance in the trees." Does this fall under "Emergency measures to ensure public safety?" Or was this just small minded "I'll show you" retribution because a U.S. District Court Judge dared to upset the NPS?

cc: Nancy Pelosi, Diane Feinstein, Tom Lantos

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Alameda, CA 94501
4 September 2000

Mr. Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

One of only two Bank Swallow nesting sites on the coast of California is located at Fort Funston within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Unfortunately, Fort Funston is a heavily used area by both humans and dogs. As a result of these off-trail activities there is an increased rate of erosion of the dunes and a greater amount of disturbance to the nesting Swallows. If this area is kept open, then it is likely that this nesting site will be lost.

Therefore, I strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of sensitive habitat in Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. Such a closure will reduce the disturbance to the birds and will allow revegetation of the dunes, thereby slowing erosion.

I imagine that you will receive many letters opposing the closure of this area. Please help preserve the Bank Swallow colony and the sand dune system by standing by your decision to close these 12 acres.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Schaefer

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September 5, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

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U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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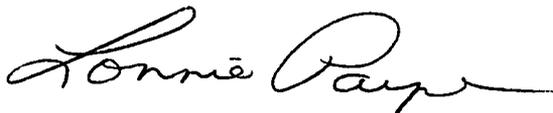
By closing 12 acres of Fort Funston you are denying me the chance to take my two dogs Audrey and Truman to enjoy one of the very special joys of living in San Francisco. By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and our dogs. We go to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and canine socialization, in a windblown but gloriously beautiful section of San Francisco coastline.

By closing those 12 acres you are also denying my partner and I the opportunity to gather with other San Franciscans who share a sense of community with this beautiful location and the exhilaration of seeing our canine companions enjoying this uniquely San Francisco experience.

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Please do not deny what has become for most of us more than just a place to occasionally walk our four legged companions; it is a way of life.

Sincerely,



Lonnie Payne
544 Clipper Street
San Francisco, CA, 94114

CC: Mayor Willie Brown, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, The Honorable Barbara Boxer, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, The Honorable Tom Lantos

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September 5, 2000

Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent,

As a dog owner and environmentalist, I wanted to urge you to keep Fort Funston open to dogs. I was dismayed to learn that you were considering closure of one of the few remaining dog-friendly beaches and city parks in Northern California, particularly due to concerns about erosion.

People cause far more damage than dogs do, so to persecute the dog-owning population with beach closure, is both short-sighted and disingenuous.

More study of what is causing the decrease in the bird population is needed.
Collaboration among dog owners and the environmental community is a given.

I am a responsible owner and treat Fort Funston with the respect it deserves. I hope you treat dog owners with the same respect as you consider this important action.

Sincerely,



Susan E. Frank
230 Central Avenue
Mountain View, California
94043

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Eileen P. Goldenberg/ Judith Dancer

79 Sylvan Dr.

San Francisco, CA

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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

We are dog friends and we are very upset and dissappointed by the continual closures that make the area that our dogs are allowed to run free at Fort Funston smaller and smaller. There are not that many places in San Francisco for a dog to have her exercise, running free and enjoying nature. Since Fort Funston is supposed to be used for recreation and park purposes forever, It is illegal and down right not fair to keep closing parts of the park.

Studies have shown that closing areas does not help the populations of bank swallows and in fact their population has gone down since the closures.

We lived 2 blocks from Ocean Beach and able to just walk to the beach to let our dog have her run. Then you closed it to dogs off lease for the main part of the beach. I then had to polute the air by driving our dog to either end of the beach where she could run free. Now Fort Funston is getting smaller and smaller. We pay our taxes and this land is the people's land. We demand that you open up the park and let our dogs run free.

Sincerely,



Signature

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79 SYLVAN DR.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94132

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Name:
Address:

Date: Sept. 5, 00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Nina Teneckoff
402 - 8th Ave #306

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Sincerely,

Alex Istomin
Alex Istomin
258-27th Avenue
San Francisco CA 94121-1129

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**Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
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Name: TESS HUNT
Address: 33A PAUSCH ST.
SF CA 94103
Date: SEPT 5, 2000

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Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Tess Hunt

cc: Nancy Pelosi
DIANE FEINSTEIN
TOM LANTOS

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San Francisco, CA 94123



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Name: Sean Rae
Address: 38A Prausch St
SF CA 94103
Date: Sept 5, 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Sean Rae

cc: Nancy Pelosi
Diane Feinstein
Tom Lantieri

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Superintendent
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: CURTIS SONG
Address: 851 Liberty St #2
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Date: 9/5/2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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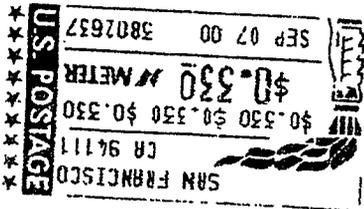
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Superintendent
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Name: August Murphy
Address: 880 Bush St. #208
SF Ca 94108
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Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
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Sincerely,

cc: Nancy Pelosi
Diane Feinstein
Tom Lantos

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 Superintendent
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Fort Funston is the best dog-recreation area
in the city. Please keep it open, so that
all dog owners can continue to enjoy
the area.

The closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the
City of San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the
Fort Funston as a priority.

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a beautiful section of San Francisco coastline.

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Kingston St
San Francisco, CA 94110

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Re: Fort Funston Proposed Closures

I have been going to Fort Funston several times a week for almost a dozen years now, and 95 percent of the people I have seen there over these dozen years have also been walking dogs. Like them I go to Fort Funston for its unique feel of freedom squeezed between the concrete and crowding of urban life and the beauty and power of the ocean at the edge of a continent; for the smells, sounds and views of nature up close; and especially for the community of dogs and dog lovers. More than just a microcosm of society, it is a real community transcending age, background, status and class. Just watching the dogs at play lifts the spirit, providing us all a much-needed respite from the daily stressors of life in the city.

Before I got a dog, I went to Angel Island to "get away." I haven't been back because I want to spend my recreation time with my pets and they aren't allowed there. I've given up my annual visit to Point Reyes to view the wild flowers for the same reason. People who don't like dogs have many options for on-leash or dog-free destinations. For the rest of us, Fort Funston is not just the best place, it's becoming the only place. Although dog ownership is increasing, we are being pushed out of many city parks to be relegated to a dwindling number of off-leash areas that are too small and over-crowded at best.

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Re: Fort Funston Proposed Closures

Page 2 of 2

Yes, I want to protect those bank swallows too, but the proposed closures aren't the way to do it. Where's the hard scientific data, the environmental impact report, the park usage studies? Instead, a careful reading of the scientific evidence and legislative background will reveal that the reasons given for the closures mask nothing less than a blatant land grab. I refer you to the San Francisco SPCA's statement, "The People's Park," which makes the case far better than I can. The National Park Service should deal honestly with the public and stop hiding their real agenda behind phony science. The GGNRA has the rest of the Bay Area coast to experiment with.

I want the National Park Service

- ❖ To treat Fort Funston as the unique holding it is—their one urban park and
- ❖ To honor the tacit agreement creating the Golden Gate National Recreation Area—to continue its traditional activities.

Keep recreation alive at the fort. Please don't turn it into *just another* nature walk or a rarely visited native plant museum. Fort Funston is so much more to those of us lucky enough to live in the Bay Area.

Very truly yours,



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Vanita Blum 911 Pomona Avenue Albany California 94706-2125

September 5, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am concerned about the increasing restrictions against dogs on the Fort Funston areas as well as other GGNRA.

I am very much concerned, as you are, with protection of the environment, protection of native flora and fauna in our recreation areas and wild areas.

I am also aware that feral dogs or out of control dogs can be a hazard to the environment and to people. But, it is important to make a distinction between uncontrolled domestic animals and those who are with their owners. Many areas that allow off leash dogs are posted: "Must be on leash or under voice control at all times." Bags are often provided for the owners use. My experience is that dogs with their people are much less a hazard to the environment than people, some of whom leave trash behind, break bottles on beaches, start fires, carry firearms (and use them), make loud noise which disturbs the peace of others - and the wildlife. For every dog who darts toward a seagull or points to a ground squirrel, there are undoubtedly many dozens of empty cans or plastic bags.

As for appreciating nature's life forms, I suggest that owners of animals have a much intensified appreciation of other species. A dog owner who takes the trouble to put his/her pet in a car and bring it to the GGNRA is a caring pet owner, and for the most part a responsible one, more so than the owner who leaves a dog tied up at home alone for a long day. There is a need for open spaces where families, including the family beast, can share rural experiences together. The children of a family can enjoy their outing more if shared with the animal. Single people and retired people particularly appreciate the companionship of the animal. Many single women do not feel secure to go alone to rural areas, hike on trails alone, etc. For them their four legged companion opens more options for them to go to places like the GGNRA.

I have had my present dog for only one and a half years. She has reminded me of how close an animal can be to its master and how responsive the animal is to the needs and moods of the master. I realize anew how important it is to have a relationship with a non human in order to treasure all of creation, including the vegetable kingdom.

Please reconsider expanding the areas forbidden to dogs. I suggest a survey of numbers of animals, harmless behaviors, and any harmful ones, so that decision are based on facts.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the permanent closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. This is a very useful place for dogs and one of the only places they are allowed with their owners. I feel that it should definitely stay open. Thank you.

Sincerely, Alyson Stack, S.F. resident.



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S.F., Ca 94131

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,



Return address: OLGA CHELENE

76 CERRITOS AVE

SF CA 94127

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Please consider those pet owners who enjoy Ft. Funston as it is when planning for the future.

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Sincerely,

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Anthony Sossang

304-B Nimitz Dr.

San Francisco, CA 94130

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Sincerely,

Tammy Hilbrich

Return address: _____

360 Lake St.

San Francisco, Ca 94118

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We are quickly running out of adequate places we can go to let ~~our~~ our dogs run off leash and play + socialize with other dogs. Please don't take Fort Funston away from us as well!!

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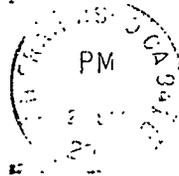


Return address: _____

MR & MRS GOODRICH
3435 CESAR CHAVEZ ST #322
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94110

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
 Golden Gate National Recreation Area
 Bay and Franklin Streets
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Sincerely,



Return address:

208 Dore St.
S.F. CA 94103

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Sincerely,



Return address:

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329 Bryant St #2X
St. GA 94107

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



performance apparel
5750 Hollis Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
510.654.7278 800.321.6198
fax 510.654.7274

9/05/00

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the further closing of Fort Funston to the public/dogs. As a dog owner, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find off leash areas in the bay area. I urge you to explore other options.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cindy Johnson
1500 Park Avenue
#406
Emeryville, CA
94608

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San Francisco, California 94131
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September 05, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Re: Proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston:

I am writing to discuss the matter of the closure of certain land at Fort Funston. Unfortunately, for some unknown reason, the bay area is filling up with people, cars and with dogs. I can remember when I moved here in 1963 of going to Land's End with my two dogs and seeing very few people in that area. Today it seems that there is not a space you can go to anymore that is not overloaded and overcrowded with people whether it be in the Sierras or along the coast.

I visit Ft. Funston several times a week and take my two small dogs for a run. I try and clean up the mess they leave most of the time and I think that is true of the other people who also use the area for a dog run. Most of the people have few other choices to take dogs for a run and a visit and as I mentioned, little by little the whole bay area is filling up with people and leaving less and less land for us dog owners. I can remember going camping in Yosemite and there were two campgrounds that were exclusively for people with pets. Today all of this is gone as more and more people utilize and overcrowd the areas.

I hope you will honor the commitment of the government to allowing all of the area in question to be used for recreational purposes. Please remember that the dog walkers who are filing suit in this matter are the same ones who go to Ft. Funston and clean up often in an organized manner. With vacant lots and open space disappearing in San Francisco, I hope you will take this into consideration should you have to appear in court on this matter. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Betancourt

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Andrew J. Betancourt
George J. Fonti
Albert R. Lasker

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Carol Jenkins, Ph. D.
2728 Russell Street
Berkeley, Ca. 94705

Dear Superintendent,

Please keep the colony of threatened bands swallows a top priority in the management of Fort Furnston. The park service should close the maximum area necessary to protect them. Native plant restoration on the dunes should also be high priority. Visitor safety and preservation of native plants and wildlife are more important than allowing access to easily eroded cliffs and bluffs. And please enforce laws requiring dogs to be on leash in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Jenkins, Ph.D.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of sensitive sand dune habitat in Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. This closure will help ensure the future of the bank swallow colony that nests on the cliff faces of these dunes. The closure will help prevent human disturbance of the nesting swallows and will help control the erosion of these sand cliffs. It will also allow for the revegetation of significant native plant communities and restoration of these seriously eroding dunes. Please do all that you can to preserve this threatened species of bird and the habitat upon which it depends.

Sincerely,



Ms. Annalee Veach
1225 San Bruno Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94110-3526

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Charles Pfister
P.O. Box 31986
Oakland, CA 94604

September 5, 2000

TO: Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreational Area
Bay and Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

RE: Proposed Habitat Protection Closure – Public Comments

These comments are my own. I hold a M.S. in Environmental Science and have done research and published scientific papers on the conservation of shorebirds in coastal ecosystems. I have made observations concerning environmental issues at Ocean Beach and Fort Funston for several years.

I support all aspects of the proposed closure at Fort Funston, Golden Gate National Recreation Area. However, I have several comments regarding the context of this closure. All page references are to the "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, National Park Service (NPS), July 17, 2000.

COMMENT #1

Upon reading the background to this proposal, I was astonished that it has taken so long for NPS to make this proposal. Various statutory references [page 4] make it clear that NPS is obligated to protect significant natural resources – the fact that one of the resources in question has endangered species status makes this delay absolutely extraordinary. If it is true that NPS has ". . . looked the other way for years at Fort Funston, while dogs and people wander off the trails and erode the sensitive dunes and bluffs." [Letter from Steven Drefting, National Parks Conservation Association, published in *The Independent*, August 26, 2000], I wonder who gave NPS permission to look the other way? I for one am outraged that it appears that NPS felt resources that should have been protected for all people of the United States were open for use as a bargaining chip to placate a vociferous and aggressive special interest group. It should not have taken so many years to infer the result of heavy recreational use in such a dune ecosystem.

COMMENT #2

I generally agree with the justification presented for restricting access to dune areas for dune habitat restoration [pages 8-9]. However, the analysis presents an oversimplification, and I hope NPS has more technical studies or analyses available. The goals of restoration should be realistic.

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Comments on Proposed Habitat Protection Closure

September 5, 2000

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The available habitat area for restoration is relatively small and may represent the natural environment for a rather limited number of species documented in the 1958 *Flora of San Francisco*. The possibilities of restoration at Fort Funston are much more limited than, say, the Lanphere-Christensen Dunes Preserve, where the available restoration area includes several lines of dune swales. The fact that iceplant cover results in lower arthropod diversity than in areas where native plants have been restored is not especially significant – the main issue is what type of dune/vegetation restoration is feasible.

There may be some question as to what type of restoration best follows the statutory guidelines [page 4]. I would argue that restoration should create a landform that is in equilibrium with surrounding landforms with respect to both natural and human factors. Species that naturally occur in ecosystems found in this landform should be encouraged. But in fact, the type of restoration that best expresses the intent of the statutory goals may not be one that encourages the identical landform or ecosystem originally occurring at the site in question, if it cannot exist in equilibrium with surrounding landforms or ecosystems. From accounts I have read, it appears NPS may have miscalculated concerning wetland restoration at Crissy Field in this regard.

A successful restoration plan at Fort Funston should address the fact that removing iceplant will destroy an existing equilibrium. The restoration plan should account for the probability of shifting sands of an open-dune landscape and the possible need for areas to buffer this open-dune system from adjacent areas.

COMMENT #3

The Closure Plan states a goal is to “reduce impacts of off-leash dog activities within coastal dune scrub habitat [page 12].” Unfortunately the Plan does not fully acknowledge the impact of off-leash dogs and the need to generally restrict all off-leash dog activities in areas of GGNRA where any type of sensitive plant or animal communities exist. For example, how does NPS believe there can be a “50-foot seasonal closure at the base of the cliff [page 11]” to protect bank swallows, unless a leash law applies to the beach area adjacent to the colony? In fact a buffer zone without an enforced leash law is meaningless.

The Plan also does not address the protecting of sensitive shorebird species along the beach of Fort Funston. I have twice written letters to the Superintendent concerning serious disturbance caused by off-leash dogs to shorebirds along the beach adjacent to Fort Funston. So far, the response has shown that either NPS does not understand the seriousness of this disturbance or is adopting a position of willful blindness to the problem. It appears that restrictions proposed by the Plan may increase the use of the beach at Fort Funston by recreational dog walkers. How does NPS propose to protect shorebirds at an increased use level of disturbance given that serious disturbance is already occurring? Why should NPS give so much attention to dune plant species, as evidenced in the Plan, and not give similar attention to shorebirds on the beach, species which are just as deserving of protection under statutory guidelines cited?

Off-leash dogs should only be allowed in specific areas, in which they will not seriously disturb plant or wildlife communities. NPS has simply not gone far enough to admit this fact and to designate such areas. By not doing so, NPS is failing to follow statutory guidelines cited in this Plan.

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COMMENT #4

My sense is that NPS does not have a general plan or approach to guide decision making concerning resource issues. The present Plan, while appropriate for some of the issues at hand, does not address other problems – such as disturbance of wildlife on the beach as noted above. A great deal of detail is presented concerning dune plant communities and restoration but no acknowledgement is made of even of the existence of seasonal migratory populations of shorebirds on the beach below the cliffs of Fort Funston. How can NPS function without at least an inventory or recognition of all significant plant and wildlife communities? The plan also does not address the issue of what would happen if part or all of the bank swallow colony moved outside the designated closure or protection areas. My previous communication with the Superintendent also seems to indicate that NPS does not have a general plan in place to protect natural resources.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Pfister

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Linda Shore

1677 17th Avenue San Francisco California 94122

Brian O' Neill
Superintendent, GGNRA
Building 201 Fort Mason
San Francisco CA 94123

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September 6, 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the National Park Service proposal to close 12-acres of land at Fort Funston. This closure, if approved, represents another in a series of similar closures at Fort Funston over the last several years. I am deeply concerned that the National Park Service has already taken too much valuable recreational space from the public at Fort Funston. The park has been an important urban sanctuary for decades and must be maintained as such.

My husband and I walk our dog every day at Fort Funston, and when my elderly parents feel up to it, we all walk together -- stopping to let my father greet every dog we pass along our way. The 12 acre area you propose to close is particularly important to me. For many years, I have enjoyed hiking up and down the dunes within the proposed closure. I often sit on the bluff tops just to meditate and relax from the stresses that come from living in a densely populated city. My husband, who has a particularly stressful job as a physician, enjoys playing with our dog and exercising in the area as well.

I am immensely proud live in a city where open spaces are set aside for the public to enjoy -- whether for hang gliding, dogwalking, horseback riding, kite flying, or hiking. I frequently take out-of-town guests to visit the Fort and let them marvel at the variety of ways that people are allowed to enjoy the park. However, I have been dismayed to watch as more and more land available for these activities at Fort Funston has been markedly reduced. For this reason, I can not support yet another closure in this park -- particularly given the popularity of this area.

While I have always supported the NPS mission to protect natural resources, it is not appropriate to transform a popular urban park into a native plant preserve (especially when the scientific arguments underlying the NPS proposal are so weak). *Open recreational spaces are as endangered in large cities as the plants and animals your proposal claims to protect. I strongly urge you to reject your current plan and examine other options that equally consider the recreational needs of the public that your agency is also dedicated to serve.*

Sincerely,



Linda S. Shore

Cc: Fort Funston Dog Walkers, SF Dog, SF Supervisor Leland Yee, Hon. Diane Feinstein, Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Hon. Tom Lantos

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We recently found the wonderful world of "Fort Funston". We are one of the many responsible dog lovers who have such a difficult time finding a place to let our animals run free off a leash but still have them under control. We had nothing but a wonderful experience seeing all the other dogs and their owners truly enjoying such a beautiful place without having to be fenced in. But sadly we hear that Fort Funston may be closed or off limits in some areas to people who love to come there and enjoy the beautiful scenery with their dogs.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face above the burrows and this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences, even on dunes and the dogs and most people respect that. Sadly, as in any situation, there always seem to be a few dog owners and people themselves that are irresponsible but the majority should not be punished because of a few.

It seems that there should be a solution that can allow park visitors to enjoy all activities there and still protect the birds, vegetation and other animal life in the park.

Sincerely,

Roger and Carol Moraes

Roger and Carol Moraes
2334 Shade Tree Lane
San Jose, CA 95131

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Name: Cathy Brotman
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San Francisco, CA
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Date: 9/6/00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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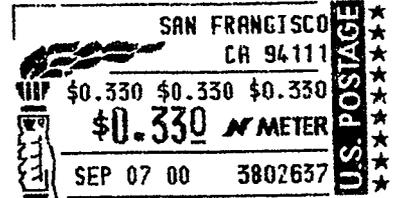
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Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123



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Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA.
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill,

I would like to request that the twelve acres of Fort Funston that are currently planned for closure be kept open to the public. Fort Funston provides a wonderful environment for people and dogs and there is no similar experience in the area. People of all ages and athletic abilities walk their dogs there in all kinds of weather. It provides a healthy physical and social outlet for both people and their dogs.

I am an environmentalist and own some land in the Oakland Hills that I try to manage to increase native plants, and actively support several environmental organizations. In past years I would go to Ocean Beach or the Presidio with the dogs. Now Fort Funston is the only area available and it is very popular. I feel that if this is the only area available for off-leash dogs it should not be closed for native plant restoration. Perhaps there are other GGNRA areas in Marin that would be better suited for this.

Yours truly,



Kathleen Roth M.D.

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Name: *Serena Torres*
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MORAGA, CA 94570
Date: *9/6/00*

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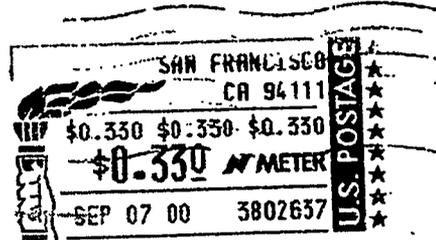
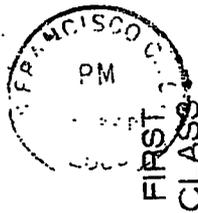
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Supr. Brian O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the
permasent closure of 12 acres of Ft Funston
why should 2 1/2% of public access
be taken away from the public?

John Hurley
65 Lake Vista Ave
Daly City CA
94015

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Name:

ROBERTA ANN COLEMAN

Address:

120 SAN FELIPE AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94127

Date:

9-6-00

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Superintendent
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Roberta Ann Coleman
120 SAN FELIPE AVE.
San Francisco, CA 94127

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There are no large off leash areas. For our dogs. Fort Funston was supposed to be for dogs. We have already lost Ocean Beach. Crissy Field takes 30 minutes to get to from this part of the city. Birds have plenty of protected areas in

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Point Reyes etc.

Roberto A. Clemen

P.S. I am a property owner, tax payer
and productive citizen of San Francisco
as well as a ^{2nd generation} NATIVE San Franciscan.

Thank you.

Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Name:
Address:

Rachael Brune
1375 Sanchez St
SF, CA 94131

Date:

Sept. 6, 00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We really love Ft. Funston and would be devastated if it were not open. My 3 small dogs are never happier than when we're there.

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Sincerely,

Rachael Brune

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Name: Judy Kneis
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Date: 9-6-00

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Sincerely,

Judy Kneis

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: *Cynthia Grant*
Address: *2570 30th AVE*
SF, CA 94116

Date: *Sept. 6, 2000*

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

*Please hear our request, our dogs
and children need this open
land! Thank you.*

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Cynthia Grant

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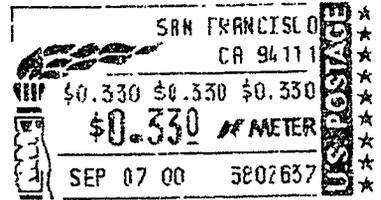
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Alex Torres

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Date:

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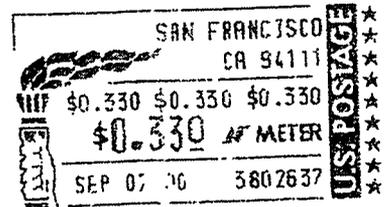
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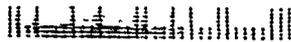
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Sincerely,

Sherr Franklin

9/6/00

Return address: _____

Sherr, Franklin

1041 Kansas St

S.F. Ca 94107

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
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San Francisco, CA 94123**

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Name:
Address:

LYDIA CASSORLA MD

1801 14th Ave

Date:

SF 94122

6 Sept 00

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Sincerely,

Lydia Cassorla

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I have Never owned a dog but believe that this is the right way for the city to go with so much leash restriction

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**Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Armando Pujol
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San Francisco, CA 94114

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415.864.2528

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

SUPERINTENDENT Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Bay + Franklin Sts - Bldg 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco 94123

PLEASE USE
MY NAME AND
ADDRESS

RE: FORT FUNSTON COLOSSUS

DEAR MR O'NEILL,

I WAS PRESENT FROM 7:15 PM ON AUGUST 29, 2000
AT THE MEETING OF GGNRA AT FORT MASON.

IT WAS A DISGRACE.

AFTER SCHEDULING A FEDERALLY MANDATED "PUBLIC
COMMENTS", THE AGENDA FOR FORT FUNSTON WAS
SET FOR 9 - 9³⁰ PM AFTER AN INTERMINABLE HEARING
OF FT BAKER'S PROPOSED TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE. EVEN
THOUGH THE SPEAKERS WERE LIMITED TO COMMENTS NOT PREVIOUSLY
MADE BY PREDECESSORS, IT JUST WENT ON AND ON. AFTER
5 SPEAKERS NOTHING NEW WAS SAID. WHEN 3 ADDITIONAL
LATE COMERS WERE ANNOUNCED AT 9:45 PM, I LEFT
IN DISGUST. I REALIZED IT WAS OUTRAGEOUS!

IT'S OBVIOUS IT WAS A SHAM!

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ALL THIS STARTED BY RANGER JAMES F. MILESTONE AT
A MEMORABLE MEETING AT THE ASPCA (↓ NOW, TEN (10)
YEARS LATER, CONTINUES AS A DISREGARD FOR TAX
PAYERS AND PUBLIC USERS OF FT. FUNSTON, WITH OR
WITHOUT DOGS.

LEAVE FT FUNSTON'S DOG + DOG WALKERS ALONE -
I'M WRITING THE JUDGE, TOO: YOUR GGNRA TRAMPLING
ON CAN FRANKLIN + OUTRAGEOUS -

Please ACT TO AVOID THIS ABUSE.

Thank you,

Armando Pujol

ARMANDO PUJOL
PO Box 14302
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They Like Ike At 5:23 a.m., it begins. A creak of bedsprings, a loud clearing of sinuses. By the time you stumble bleary-eyed into the living room, they're drinking Folgers instant coffee and talking loudly over the *Today* show. Uncle Irv and Aunt Edna. By some bizarre twist of genetics, your relatives.

After a stack of Swedish pancakes at Sears Fine Food, your first stop is the *Jeremiah O'Brien*. On board the World War II liberty ship, the voices of the Andrews Sisters ring through narrow hallways. Edna avoids the steep steps into the engine room, but you follow Irv down to where a bright-eyed veteran is explaining how scenes from *Titanic* were shot using *Jeremiah's* triple-expansion steam engine. Irv couldn't care less. He's too busy poking around the pipes, peering into the boilers. "Look here," he beckons, pointing to a 3-foot-long box wrench. "Won't you two bits for putting my head through one of these?"

After the *Jeremiah*, Irv is itching to go see the World War II *Pampanito* sub, also docked at Pier 45. You and Edna decide to visit the nearby city museum, in the Cannery building. As you

work your way through, the city's legends spring to life: Joshua Norton, self-declared Emperor of the United States; Lillie Hitchcock Coit, spunky heiress and fire aficionado. Just as you and Edna are poring over bottles melted in the 1906 inferno, Irv reappears. "How was the *Pampanito*?" you ask.

"Tighter than a sardine can. Let's eat."

On the western edge of Golden Gate Park, the historic Beach Chalet is crowded with couples sipping microbrews and chatting over salads. While you wait, you study the vibrant WPA murals of San Francisco. Edna stops before a panel of women in one-piece swimsuits that show their strong legs and rounded stomachs. "Now that's what a gal should look like," she says approvingly. "Well-fed."

After lunch and two stops in Golden Gate Park—the arboretum for Edna and the fly-casting pools for Irv—you cruise down the Great Highway to Fort Funston. A faded wind sock sails taut to the east, beckoning to hang gliders. You pause to watch a group struggling into their pupa-like harnesses, then head to the ocean overlook.

"Holy mackerel!" bellows Irv as the first glider leaps off the cliff. The three of you sit spellbound, squinting up at the silhouettes whirling on an updraft. Afterward you walk along the cliff tops, where Edna befriends every scrappy terrier that bounds past.

By now you're craving Indian food, but you're going to play it safe: Years ago you took Irv and Edna out for Ethiopian and they still haven't let you forget about the lack of silverware. You decide on Kuleto's downtown, where you like the dark, stylish decor and Edna and Irv will be satisfied with the large portions of pasta.

On nearby Nob Hill, hundreds of World War II servicemen downed their last martini at the Top of the Mark before shipping out. Tonight, Wally's Swing World is re-creating the sounds of the era, and Edna pulls Irv onto the dance floor before he can finish complaining about his dress shoes. You walk to the window and gaze at the lights of the city. "May I have this dance?" It's Irv, looking bashful.

You take his rough hand and he catches you up in a graceful twirl and a cloud of Old Spice. Edna looks on, clapping and smiling. In an instant the predawn wake-up is forgiven. They are, after all, your relatives.

Sears Fine Food
439 Powell St., (415) 986-1160

SS Jeremiah O'Brien
Pier 45 (Pier 32 mid-Oct. to mid-May), (415) 441-3101
www.crl.com/~wefald/obrien.html

USS Pampanito
Pier 45, (415) 775-1943
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The Cannery
2801 Leavenworth St., Third Floor
(415) 928-0289
www.sfmuseum.org

The Beach Chalet
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at John F. Kennedy Dr.
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Fort Funston
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Kuleto's Restaurant
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Top of the Mark
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. I have been visiting Fort Funston with my dog on an almost daily basis for the past five years. The time I spend walking through this beautiful open space is time that is extremely valuable to me and to the many other people who are also Fort Funston regulars. I have come to love this piece of land and make every effort to insure that my actions or the actions of my dog will in no way harm the environment.

Every time I see the fences that were installed earlier this year, it breaks my heart. Some of my favorite places to walk or to sit and admire the beauty of the coast are now behind those fences. I have noticed that the sense of tranquility I used to have has decreased, as there are the same number of people and dogs, if not more, using Fort Funston but with less open acreage. This crowding will only get worse if more acres are fenced off from recreational use.

I hope writing this letter will prevent any more acres from being taken away from the people who love, respect, and enjoy Fort Funston.

Sincerely,



Laurie Macomber
107 Lighthouse Lane
Daly City, CA 94014

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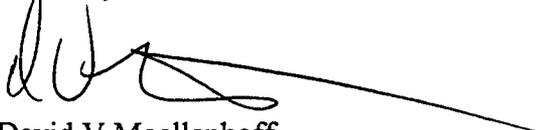
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Sincerely,



David V Moellenhoff

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Sean Dowdall
2032 Scott Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

September 6, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I strongly oppose the proposed closure of additional acreage to recreational use at Fort Funston. My family, which includes two dogs, regularly visits there. Fort Funston provides a wonderful community space that allows so many people to interact in a very relaxed and beautiful environment. The changes that have already occurred, including past closures and the recent addition of a new fenced-in area, have negatively impacted the quality of the Fort Funston experience.

From the information I've seen, it appears that the environmental rationale for reduced access to Fort Funston is bogus. Previously, I donated to organizations supporting the National Park Service and the GGNRA, but no longer. I've grown increasingly frustrated by the way national policies (particularly dog-unfriendly policies) are implemented without consideration given to each local/individual case.

I plea that you protect Fort Funston for our use. The restrictions and environmental protections covering the balance of the GGNRA are enough. You and the organization you represent need to balance your perspective and adjust your approach by understanding that there should be room for people and dogs too.

Sincerely,


Sean Dowdall

CC: Mayor Willie Brown, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, The Honorable Barbara Boxer, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, The Honorable Tom Lantos

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CURT WILSON

7505 Terrace Dr.
El Cerrito, CA
Sept. 6, 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Having seen you on "Bay Area Backroads" (Doug McConnell), and having heard you on the radio "On The Go With KGO" (John Hamilton), and after reading about you in the newspaper (Tom Sienstra). I'm impressed. You've earned my respect and admiration, and I'm sure that of many others for the good work you're doing with GGNRA. My concern now is that you might tarnish that image by capitulating to the pressure of special interest groups (dog walkers) at Fort Funston.

Bay Area residents are fortunate to have GGNRA protecting and preserving so much wildlife habitat so close to home, places where people can enjoy open space and learn about nature. One such place is Fort Funston – right here in our backyard. Fort Funston provides one of only two nesting sites on the entire coast of California for bank swallows, a threatened species.

It would be a travesty to sacrifice the birds, the dunes, and the vegetation and turn the area over to dogs, instead of restoring and preserving it for nature's flora and fauna, especially the bank swallows. I strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of this area to off-trail recreation. The time to save a threatened species is now, before it becomes endangered. The next category is extinction. That's forever, and hindsight can't bring it back.

Sincerely yours,



Russ Wilson

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

Mary Andrade
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Daly City, Ca
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Name: MARY CLARE CHENEY
Address: 469 Fair Oaks Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
Date: 9/6/00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Mary Clare Cheney

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Superintendent
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

A new home-owner in the area, I was shocked to learn of the proposal to close off a portion of Fort Funston. This dog-loving community is why I brought my family here in the first place. Please support the 38% of us feeling this affront. Our numbers are growing!

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Holly Karmanocky

Return address: _____

Holly Karmanocky
284 Monterey Blvd
San Francisco CA 94131

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H. KARMANOVY
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

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I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston and the proposed permanent closure of 12 acres.

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Sincerely,

Quaha + Jim Weira
125 Gilbert Street, #9
San Francisco, CA
94103

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Ball

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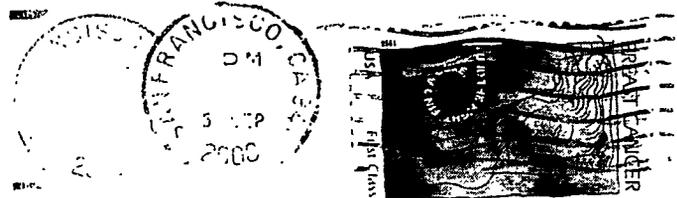
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Ms. Phyllis Ball
3446 22nd St
San Francisco, CA 94110



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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing you in objection to the Park Service's plan to close additional acreage at Fort Funston.

I have enjoyed the beauty and accessibility of "Fort Fun" for more than 10 years. Most of my time at Fort Funston has been spent with my dog, but as an avid birding enthusiast, I have also hiked through the dunes on many weekends trying to identify various birds. I recognize the dilemma of the bank swallows; they are ground nesting and easily endangered by the dog-loving public. However, the Park Service's proposed closure of 20 percent of Fort Funston seems to be an extreme solution to protect the swallows. Without any scientific data or studies to support the idea, I am upset by the maverick nature of this plan. It reminds me of Mayor Willie Brown's decision to discourage homeless people from "nesting" on the Embarcadero by removing a beautiful grove of trees.

I believe the most reasonable and immediate solution to protect the bank swallows would be to follow the advice of the Department of Fish and Game. They seem confident that closing the cliff tops of Fort Funston is adequate to shelter the birds. Perhaps the Park Service could move toward education rather than punitive action in its efforts to save urban wildlife while preserving open recreational space.

Sincerely,



Gayle Bowlby

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Jolyne Collins
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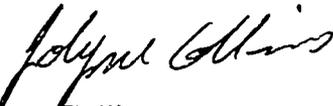
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September 06, 2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing to you today to protest the impending permanent closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. I do not understand the logic in doing such an act. The Bank Swallows are only there for a short period of time and then they are gone. Why should this area be closed when there are no nesting birds? Fort Funston is the only place in the bay area where dogs and people are allowed to walk together with no leash (for the dogs) and a chance to let the dogs be dogs. All other areas have strict rules that dogs must be leashed, what good is it to take a dog on a walk and not let it run free to clear its lungs, romp and socialize with others of its species. The people I have met on my daily walks have all been responsible, caring people. They pick up after their pets and all of the dogs I have encountered have been social and not aggressive. If this area is closed permanently there will more crowding in other parks and on the other trails of Fort Funston. I urge you to consider the wishes and needs of people and their pets.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,


Jolyne Collins

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TO Whom this may concern:

I am writing to protest the permanent closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston.

It would be a shame to close all that extra space when there really isn't a good reason to. This just means that there will be more crowding at other parks and making it more crowded at Fort Funston with less space available.

Not only is Fort Funston the best place to bring your dog, it's the best off-leash dog park! It gives dog owners to let their dog be socialized and just have fun.

Please don't shut off all that space from the public. We need it!!

Jean Landizabal

Jean Landizabal

Dog lover who loves
Fort Funston

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CONFIDENTIAL

Name: Felicia G. Mason
Address: 1032 Noriega St.
San Francisco CA
94122
Date: 09/06/00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,



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Superintendent
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

By closing 12 acres of Fort Funston you are denying numerous Bay Area residents the chance to take our dogs (mine are Shasta & Whitney, two adorable American Eskimos) to enjoy one of the very special joys of living in San Francisco. By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and our dogs. We go to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and canine socialization, in a windblown but gloriously beautiful section of San Francisco coastline.

I might add that I am a donor to the National Park Service and GGNRA and have supported many other environmental organizations as well. However, Fort Funston is an **urban park**, one with special needs which should be administered differently than say Yosemite National Park.

By closing those 12 acres you are denying Bay Area residents the opportunity to gather with others who share a sense of community with this beautiful location and the exhilaration of seeing our canine companions enjoying this uniquely San Francisco experience.

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Please do not deny what has become for most of us more than just a place to occasionally walk our four legged companions; it is a way of life.

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I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to you as president of the Vizsla Club of Northern California. Many members of our club walk their dogs at Fort Funston. Our 170 members are opposed to fencing off areas that for decades have been open to the enjoyment of the public.

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Sincerely,

Kay Ingle, president
Vizsla Club of Northern California
4150 Lyman Rd
Oakland CA 94602

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Sincerely,

Johnna L. Brooks

FOFUAR02818

My husband and I have been coming to Fort Funston with our 2 dogs for the past 2 years. We bring friends from all over the Bay Area to share in the experience Fort Funston is heaven to dog owners and their dogs. Please do not let this special place be ruined.

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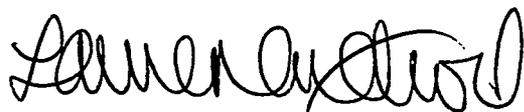
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Sincerely,



I AM A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER - I CLEAN UP AFTER MY DOG, DON'T LET HIM ENDANGER THE BIRDS ETC.
FT. FUNSTON IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR ME. DON'T TURN IT INTO A NIGHTMARE.

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

For the last 15 years I have walked my dogs off leash at Fort Funston. This wonderful area has allowed me to socialize and exercise my dogs while I nourish my own spirit with the panoramic views. Even though I moved to Oakland several years ago, I still regularly make trips to Fort Funston.

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Long
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Oakland CA 94602

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SUPPLEMENTAL

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Fort Funston is one of the most beautiful sites in San Francisco - so wild and open. I also worry about wildlife and give generously to environmental groups, but I take exception to your decisions regarding Fort Funston. Dogs also need a place in the city -

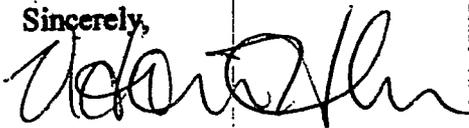
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Sincerely,



Victoria G. Hale, Ph.D.

2058 12th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94116

415-759-8150

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Dear Mr. Brian O'Neill,

I heard the Golden Gate Park Service is proposed to close 12 additional acres of Fort Funston park land.

As a dog lover, I can't describe how me and our family and the dog enjoyed Fort Funston and hated to see any of the park land shrinked. We need open space for recreation.

I certainly don't see the bank swallow can benefit from this closure event.

Please consider. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kau

41244 Chiltern Dr.
Fremont, CA 94539

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Date: 9-6-00

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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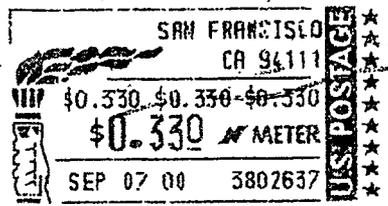
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Sincerely,


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GGNRA009002



Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I want to elaborate on the points that are made farther below. There must be an immediate stop of more closure of the Fort Funston area. Otherwise, I am afraid, it will ^{lead} to a smaller and smaller area ~~area~~ open for walking our dogs. Which would mean hundreds or even thousand of animals would have no outlet to walk.

I plea with you to use your influence and help us dogwalkers in our efforts to secure a place for our animals in the future.

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Sincerely, *Brunhilde E. Walter*

Return address: Brunhilde Walter

2090 Oakmont Dr.

San Bruno, Ca. 94066

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GGNRA009004



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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CONFIDENTIAL

Name: Helen O'Flynn
Address: 1210 Alabama
SF, CA, 94110
Date: Sept 6th 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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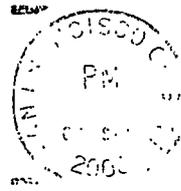
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ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

In order for dogs to be good citizens of the Bay Area we must devote resources to their care. Fresh air, exercise, and social interaction with other dogs are essential for dogs to be happy & healthy. In addition to Fort Funston being a place for dogs to play, it is a place for entire families to get out and enjoy the beauty of our coastline. Mom, Dad, Kids, & dogs interact happily everyday. Please don't take this away from us!

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Sincerely,

Ralph Ho + Alison Ho

Return address: _____

_____ 10 Mercent Pl _____

_____ Hillsborough, CA 94010 _____

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

My dogs and I love Fort Funston but I feel that I'm being pushed out of enjoying it. Like the protected swallows, my habitat appears to be ignored.

However, two sides exist to each story. I do respect your regulations. But sooner or later I feel that I'll have to always leash my canine companions at Fort Funston.

Can't you at least allow us park users to enjoy this great area with our dogs?

Sincerely,

Annegrat Sellers

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Annegrat Sellers

1530 -47th. Av
S. F. Ca. 94122

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GGNRA009010

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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

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Return address:

LORNA BAGLEY

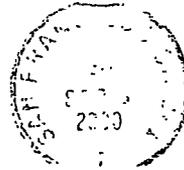
12255 MENALTO DR

Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

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*Lorna M. Bagley
12255 Menalto Dr.
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022*



Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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September 7, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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By closing those 12 acres you are also denying us the opportunity to gather with other San Franciscans who share a sense of community with this beautiful location and the exhilaration of seeing our canine companions enjoying this uniquely San Francisco experience.

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Please do not deny what has become for most of us more than just a place to occasionally walk our four legged companions; it is a way of life.

Sincerely,


Bart McDermott and Joseph Ferrer
484 Corbett Street
San Francisco, CA, 94114

CC: Mayor Willie Brown, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, The Honorable Barbara Boxer, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, The Honorable Tom Lantos

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Shelley Monson
Address: 830 Rockdale Drive
San Francisco, CA 94127
Date: September 7, 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My dogs and I go to the beach at Fort Funston every Sunday. It helps keep me sane 😊

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Sincerely,

Shelley Monson

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Sincerely,

Christine Marks

Return address: _____

472 Copeland Street
Pacifica, CA 94044-3207



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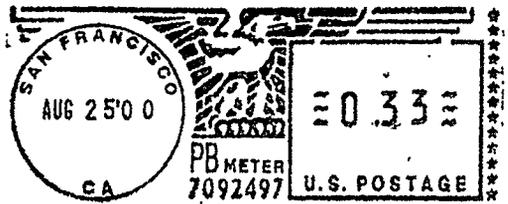


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723 A Ashbury St.
San Francisco, CA 94117

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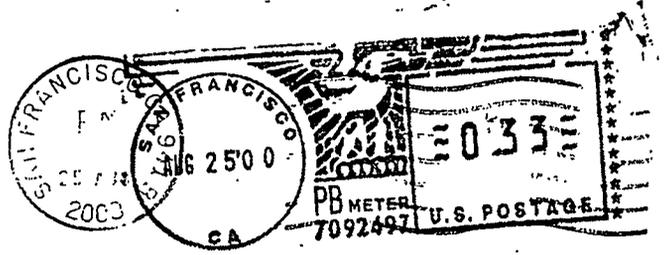


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723 Ashbury St. Apt A
San Francisco, CA 94117

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Sincerely,



Return address



Mrs. Jane W. Russell
1648 Plymouth Ave
San Francisco CA 94127-2118

visit us at www.peta-online.org

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GGNRA009025



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 1648 Plymouth Ave
 San Francisco CA 94127-2118

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Sincerely,

William E. Hartnett

Return address: _____

WILLIAM E. HARTNETT

54 FAIR OAKS ST

SAN FRANCISCO CA 94110-2209

E-Mail WHARTN@AOL.COM

PS Dear Mr. O'Neill
I would like to
hear your rebuttal
This doesn't seem
like the Nat'l. Park Service
welda TA

cc Mayor Brown
Rep. Boxer
Rep. Feinstein

Rep. Polster
Rep. Lantos

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Sincerely,



Return address:

M. G. BODE

48 PIERCE ST

SAN FRANCISCO

CA 94117

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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I have been walking at Fort Funston with my dogs for the past 25 years. I have made many friends through the years at the park. Most of the pleasure aside from the soul renewing views of nature that the pleasure of allowing my dog to run free playing with each other & I've missed than the dunes. On all the years I've been there I rarely see anyone without a dog there.

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Sincerely,

Caryl S. Kotun

Return address: 149 IDORA

S.F. CA. 94127

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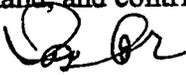
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Sincerely,

Jerry 

Return address:

921 Euclid
Berkeley, CA 94708

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Sincerely,

Leslie Crisp

Return address: 2 Anchor Drive

Emeryville, CA 94608

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Sincerely,

Rose M. Green

Return address: 2100 - Mc Kinley
Berkeley, CA
94703

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GGNRA009037

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Sincerely,

BC Nordwall

Return address:

*1335 Camino St
Berkeley Ca 94702*

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Sincerely,

Return address: _____

NEWMAN LOW NE

93 LAPHAM WAY

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112

FOFUAR02862

GGNRA009041

**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

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93 LAPHAM WAY

SF. CA. 94112

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Sincerely,

Return address: Daniel Roque

725 Niantic Ave

Daly City CA 94014

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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Sincerely,

Return address: Alex Roque
37 Rutledge St
San Francisco CA 94110

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GGNRA009047

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Return address: _____

MAURICE ARCE
2375 76TH AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

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GGNRA009049

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

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CELSO URMENETA

98 MAYNARD ST.

SAN FRANCISCO CA. 94112

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G.G. NRA
Box 1 Franklin Sts.
Fort Mason, S.F.
94123

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8.28.00

Dear Superintendent -

I have worked my 3 jobs at
Furston since 1992 and even though
they use less of it now due to
age it would be wonderful if you
and your office do continue
to offer the max. to S.F.'s
jobs and the community they
own in.

There is no describing the
experiences of a pre-libert walk
at the beach to gear up for
the work of the day.

Daniel T. Bereszycki
2370 29 Ave
SF CA 94116

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415.564.3318 GGNRA009053

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Brian O'Neill, General Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, California 94123

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Superintendent Brian O'Neill,

I am writing in regards to Ft Funston's notice of closure. I find it hard to believe the park service wants to do this. There are so many National Parks. So many areas where dogs have to be on leash/ where people can go and not have to be around dogs off leash. There are many places in San Francisco people can go where dogs are not allowed off leash..... There are so many areas that native plants can be planted/ in the many parks where dogs already need to be on leashes. At Ft. Funston you should just keep the areas you have already taken and planted/ develop it more...but leave the rest alone. The ice plant is actually beautiful even if it is not native. It holds the dunes in place/ stands up to people, children, and dogs...stands up to abuse/ frost/ walking on, etc.. These dunes were never filled with Native Plants.....they were 90% dunes with a bit of brush. Native 90 year olds remember that was the way it was. The Army planted the ice plant to cover up the military equipment and buildings

The Bank Swallows are not being harmed by the dogs. A well posted and fenced area along the site....I say like 10 or 20 feet off the cliff edge...would be enough. Not all the way to the pavement as you did the fencing this year. The swallows are being harmed by climate weather conditions and state of the cliffs rather than the dogs. I feel you are using that as an excuse to make trouble for the dogs. No one wants to hurt the birds. I don't and I don't want my dog too either. You can plant the Native Plants in that area. I personally resent being pushed over to the East side of the park. For one thing the horse trail is over there. I don't want to even see a horse if I can help it/ let alone be forced to stay towards that side. The other problem is that area is nearer the road. I don't want to have to think about that either as my dogs run and play. I intentionally stay on the paved path and West of it.

I was here when the Rangers moved here from where they were based before. Until then we rarely saw a Ranger. They quickly got rid of the food truck that was so nice to have. I even had a parking spot painted just for it.....And they rode around trying to tell us we had to put our dogs on a leash. A few days later it was "2 dogs can be loose/ anymore have to be leashed". Petitions and meetings came from that.

I was at several meetings in 1992 and 1995 with Ranger Jim Miles. We discussed the off leash policy. I have been coming to this park since 1971/ before it was national park..... I remember it being kept off leash when it was transferred over. All my dogs have grown up and lived their lives here... At the meetings we talked of the place being kept as an off leash area. We were told it would be. We discussed the signs (that have recently come down) that would be put up to let folks know that dogs could be off leash. He promised they would be put up and they were. This place is unique. Its always been off leash. The park service had purposefully kept their agenda from us while involving Native Plant Soc and Audubon to bring stronger opinion against us.

I want this letter to get to you before the next GGNRA meeting Aug 29th.....and also used as Public Comment on the Proposed Habitat Closure.

Respectfully,
Pat Goldberg

1622 21st Ave.
SF 94122----665-2980



FOFUAR02875

GGNRA009054

I am concerned with the new
(told) closures at Ft Funston - have
gone there for 30+ years with
my dogs. Feels like little by little
you all have closed up more
& more average - (Green
Lands End was off leash. Then
you put up a gate & closed it to
off leash). Definitely feeling squeezed
when I walk my dogs - I want
to protect the birds - only need a fence 20-10'
away from the cliff edge tho. Native
plants can be saved where else where dogs
are NOT allowed to play in the dunes - children
PAT

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PAT WILLEVER
1622-21st Ave
SF 94122

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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123



Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

FOFUAR02877

Dear Mr O'Neill,

I have been enjoying walking my dogs at St. Auston for the past 25 years. It is quite a beautiful & popular spot for dog walkers & I have always appreciated it. I protest the closures threatened to dogs & the leash law to be enforced. Most of the joy is watching dogs run free to romp & play.

Sincerely
Carolyn Totter

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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

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Sincerely,

Margherita Cacioppo

Return address: M.A. CACIOPPO
48 PIERCE ST
SAN FRANCISCO
CA 94117

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GGNRA009059

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Fort Funston Closure

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,



Douglas Pringle
3133 Frontera Way, #203
Burlingame, CA 94010

Cc: Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.; The Hon. Barbara Boxer; The Hon. Diane Feinstein;
The Hon. Nancy Pelosi; The Hon. Tom Lantos

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Sincerely,

Return address:

Henry Bulej

840 STAUDISH RD

Pacifica, Ca 94044

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Nevott

Return address: 93 LAPHAM WAY
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112-4536

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Bay and Franklin Streets
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ERNEST A. DERNBURG MEDICAL CORPORATION
2456 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94115
TELEPHONE 415 - 567-5885
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Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreational Area
Bay & Franklin Sts., Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, California 94123

August 28, 2000

Dear Superintendent:

I am writing you to ask for your strong support in making preservation of the threatened bank swallow colony in Ft. Funston one of your top priorities. As this represents one of the only two such colonies of bank swallows along the entire California coast, the Park Service should close the maximum area necessary to protect the colony.

Native plant restoration on the dunes should also be a high priority so as to stabilize the sand and enhance wildlife habitat.

While Ft. Funston should be open to all visitors, their safety and preservation of native plants and wildlife are certainly more important than allowing potentially dangerous access to easily eroded cliffs and bluffs. Finally, Federal laws that require all dogs to be on leash and require visitors and dogs to remain on designated trails should be strictly enforced as is done in Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park.

Thank you again for your anticipated support of this important part of Endangered Species preservation.

Sincerely,


Ernest A. Dernburg, M.D.

EAD/pjk

FOFUAR02886

GGNRA009065

Name: KORTNEY EICHENBERGER

Address: 139 5TH AVENUE, SF, 94118

Date: 8/28/2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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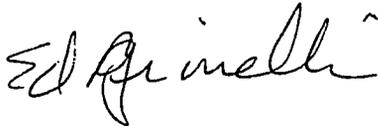
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

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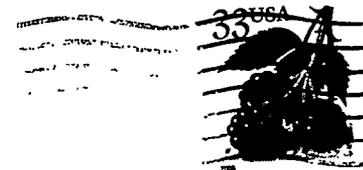
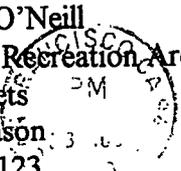
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From: Gimelli
41 Belcher St.
SF, CA 94114

To:

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
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Sincerely,

James Daper

544 21st Ave

San Francisco CA 94121

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A S S E T
M A N A G E M E N T
H O N O R S
C O N F E R E N C E

Hi, My name is Gareth Bozin, ^{I don't have a dog} ^{but} ^{my} mom and brothers ~~some~~ times play at fort funston. I am eleven years old. We love to roll down the giant sand dune. It is one of our favorite things to do. We also like wild life and nature, we believe in protecting the habitats of the birds at fort funston. However from what we've read we believe there is room at fort funston for everyone, birds and people. Kids habitats should be protected too.

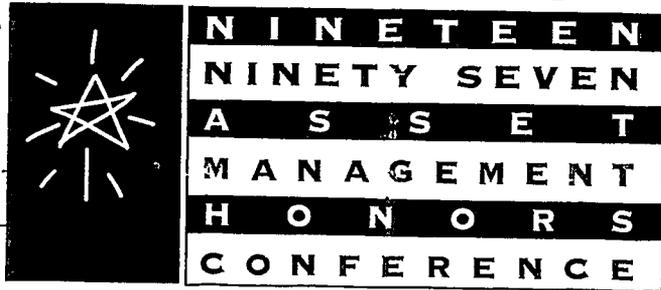
Gareth

8/29/2000

Gareth Bozin
1689 Higgins Way
Pacifica, CA
94044
(650) 355-8044
kuptar@pacbell.net

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

HELLO My name is Angelo
I am 9 years old. I have to go to
Kort for my rec class. I like to roll
down the dunes. I was very
disappointed when I saw the
dunes closed. And so were a lot
of other kids who were there.
There is no other sand dunes that
that we know of. Bark Swallows are
important but so are kids.

Thank you

Angelo Bozin
1689 Higgins Way
Pacifica
CA 94044
(650) 355-8044
reptar@pacbell.net

27 feet

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Sincerely,

Mary Boswell

Return address:

2400 Kantpar + St.
Oakland, CA 94602

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Sincerely,

Judy Soden

Return address: _____

453 Van Buren Ave.
Oakland CA 94610

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J. Solen
B. Jensen
453 Van Duren Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610



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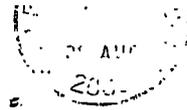
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BELMONT CA 94002

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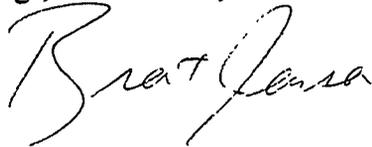
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Oakland Ca

94610

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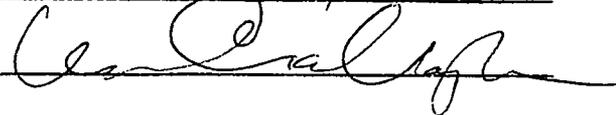
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Return address: Leslie Vaughan

52 Levant St

San Francisco, CA 94114



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PATRICK DONAHUE

146 Elsie Street

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

94110

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Robert P. ZAMS

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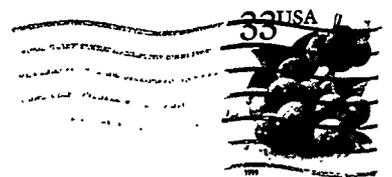
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Be very certain that the 33% of Bay Area residents that have dogs love to discuss issues related to family access to dog friendly recreation. Fort Funston is currently "legend status" among this large segment of the population. News about the current legal hassle and proposed access restrictions will also be widely discussed. If the current access restrictions stand - the legacy will be uncountable conversations about how Fort Funston USED to serve a unique role for dog families until the GGNRA restricted access.

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Sincerely,

Return address: Harvy/Ann Werner
3872 Autumn Drive
Redwood City CA
94061

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Fort Funston is a wonderful place.

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Sincerely,

Danielle B. Kelleher

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57 Casimir Ave

San Francisco CA 94114

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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I live in San Francisco and enjoy using
Fort Funston.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and their dogs. They go to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and canine socialization, in a windblown but gloriously beautiful section of San Francisco coastline.

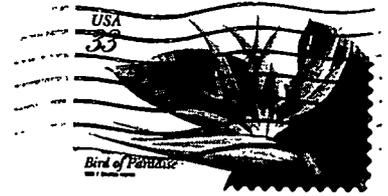
In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, such space is vital to the 38% of us who keep dogs, love the land, and contribute to the maintenance of our local environment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am a lifelong amateur birdwatcher. I also love dogs, and have 2 adopted ones (saved from the pound) in my family; we go to Ft. Funston 4-5 times a week. I enclose a column I've written on Ft. Funston's environmental spirit and troubles a few years ago for the San Francisco Examiner.

I believe the Ft. Funston fencings in recent years have taken on an adversarial, dichotomous quality not befitting resolution of subtle, complex, scientific, environmental planning and recreational issues in an urban park area. This is regrettable, as the proper balance among desired uses of Ft. Funston cannot be established by an "either-or" decisional approach.

The Ft. Funston area is a temporary or permanent home to many creatures, including numerous species of birds. I cannot tell you the depth of my thrill upon sighting a Townsend's warbler in the juniper shrubs above the "Y" in the road at Funston in '95. I also would be hard put to find words to capture my elation at the sighting of two harbor porpoises while looking out over the bluffs one summer afternoon in '97.

The bank swallows are quite delightful, stitching the air and nibbling along the beach. I first saw them at Funston in '97 or so. There were many dozens of people and dogs on the beach that warm day, and the swallows grazed confidently among us. Some species of birds are observably reclusive and shy; in my experience, bank swallows are not particularly so, at least in the times I've watched them.

I could better understand the proposed closure of extensive acreage at Funston in behalf of the bank swallows if they were one of the more retreating, asocial avian species. However, my observations of the bank swallows at Fort Funston, combined with my observations of the interpersonal dynamics between Funston decision-makers and numerous dog-walking enthusiasts over recent years, strongly suggest to me that the proposed closure are primarily if not solely motivated by negative official reactions to dog-advocates (and dogs) rather than genuine and justified protectionism as to the bank swallows.

I would only add that I think those who are most dedicated to preserving bank swallow habitat need to look well beyond the false and distracting tug-of-war over "dog space" versus "bird space", and to focus instead on real and substantial threats to creatures for

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whom Ft. Funston is any part of "home", including birds, rodents, insects and mammals (including humans). Among those threats I would enumerate highest on the list are:

- (1) chronic and continuing water pollution in the adjoining Pacific and Lake Merced, especially as caused by the use of chemical pesticides by the Olympic Club and Harding Park golf courses, and by the sporadic dumping of waste and pollutants via the sewage treatment facility nearby;
- (2) oil spills, large and small, old and new, in the Pacific and in the S.F. Bay Area (I have rescued oiled birds and I am a trained oiled bird rescuer, and I have witnessed the devastation of some of these spills firsthand); and
- (3) air pollution from industrial wastes and gasoline-powered vehicle emissions in and around San Francisco, resulting in sharply increasing air quality threats here.

Those of us who take dogs to Ft. Funston for its extraordinary expanses of leash-free exercising, and for its birdwatching and seascapes as well, must be prepared to continue to do our share to keep this resource clean, safe and interspecies-friendly. The handful of people who fail to clean up after dogs, or who fail to maintain due control of their dogs, need to receive citations and pay fines.

However, the logic that there is a significant threat to the bank swallows deriving from dog walking and/or human foot traffic in Funston, when the major causes of environmental degradation mentioned above are being all but ignored in national, state, regional and local laws and planning, is a kind of "scape-dogging". Worse, the dogs-vs.-bank swallows division has become a means by which we may delude ourselves into believing we are doing effective environmental conservation by building fences around an area barraged by serious air and water pollution.

Thank you for receiving public input and taking these comments seriously in this process.

With best regards,



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Olympic Club vs. dog walkers at Fort Funston

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FVERY MORNING that I can, I go for a walk at Fort Funston. Canine usage is heavy, from John's prun pair of Be-sejis to Lisa's black-and-white Great Danes, Mason and Dixon. Dog Heaven at Fort Funston delights us even as we pick up our own pups' poops and step gingerly around doggy piles not quite hidden under the ice plant.

One day in the parking lot, a pr per British lady on holiday inquires, "Pardon me, is there a dog show here?"
"Almost every day," I reply.
Regular beachcombers carry bins of sand dollars. One gentleman carries a golf club and scatters sand for the sparrows. Some comb and some restore.

Sometimes we pick up beach litter, especially the bird-killing plastic six-pack separators. Why aren't they made of kelp?
On certain magical days when the wind is not too severe, hang-gliders soar above on brightly colored wings, in their canvas bags like chrysalis, competing for airspace with red-shouldered hawks.
Sunny weekends see cars jam the parking lot, spilling out onto Skyline Boulevard. People, bicycles, baby strollers, dogs and toys ferment a carnival.

Fort Funston, a former coastal defense post and Nike missile base, is a half-mile stretch of beach and dunes from Fleishacker Zoo south to Thornton Beach Skate Park in Daly City. It's on the westerly side of the Great Highway and Skyline Boulevard; the Olympic Club golf course is on both sides of Skyline.

Fort Funston is now the southern extension of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a sprawling mix of public and government uses that includes Ocean Beach, Land's End, Fort Mason and the former forts of southern Marin County.

The National Park Service has responsibility for governance, and there are struggles.
For example, the Fort Funston Dogwalkers Association vies with federal officials for the final word on how free-romping dogs and tromping hikers shall make peace with tiny plants. These have been newly inserted in the sand as part of the government's extensive many-years-long Native Plant Restoration Project.
Fences close off trails. The very best views of the Golden Gate Bridge and of the vertiginous bluffs of Marin — looking so much like southern Kauai — are no longer

available to walkers.

The dogger-planter controversy continues. But it seems an easy one relative to something else.

The Olympic Club has plowed out several more holes for its world-renowned golf course, overlooking the sea, abutting Fort Funston's southern edges.

On bluffs directly above the Pacific, the golf course additions physically resemble a Utah strip mine, eventually to be painted lawn-green. The golf course addition is supposedly on "private" land, which can make all the regulatory difference in the world.

Current law requires publicly owned golf courses not to use dangerously pesticides and herbicides for maintenance. The Olympic Club is not a publicly owned course. It's possible, therefore, that pesticides and herbicides on the club's newly developed grounds will endanger the animal, bird, plant and aquatic life that is the heart and soul of Fort Funston.

The California Coastal Commission will decide whether the Olympic Club expansion proceeds, and rumors hold that the commission may give the project a peremptory nod of approval without re-

quiring detailed environmental impact statements.

On my daily sojourns, I think about all of this. While 20 rangers wearing yellow slickers kneel in the rain to tamp dozens of tender green shoots into the ground, and while planners and users argue vigorously in required public hearings over dogs, foot traffic and soil erosion, the Olympic Club is quietly poised to light a fuse of destruction of the entire area, sprinkling powder from a big toxic box so those greens will be green and the rough not too rough.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by the city of San Francisco for recreational use. While I understand the need to protect various plant and wildlife, I also value the benefits for humans and pets to have much needed recreation area.

I visit Fort Funston on a weekly basis. I appreciate being able to walk with my dog in such a wonderful place. It is so good for both of us to have such a great space to enjoy. *It is one of the things that make San Francisco such a great place: dog friendly places to walk off leash with my pet.* By far, dog walkers are the majority of visitors to Fort Funston. It is such a wonderful place for so many San Franciscans.

San Francisco is so densely populated. It is very important to keep open recreational space available. This is one space that is so well utilized. Please work with us to keep Fort Funston open and available.

Thank you,



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Subject: Fort Funston

Dear Mr. Brian O'Niell,

I am writing to encourage you to prevent future closures of Fort Funston. I have been walking my dogs every weekend at Fort Funston for six years and I am so grateful to have access to this amazing park. I was alarmed to learn that closures have been planned that would limit access to large portions of the park that my friends and I enjoy so regularly.

With so many of the neighborhood parks enforcing their leash policies, it is vital to have a Fort Funston remain an open recreational area where hikers, joggers and dog owners can exercise and enjoy the natural beauty of this ocean park.

My understanding is that the proposed closures are not to protect bank swallows, but part of a broader plan by proponents of native plant restoration. I am a gardener myself and a member of UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, but fail to see the logic of closing large portions of the park for establishing native plants at the cost of greatly reducing recreation space.

I hope you will support the desires of the vast majority of Fort Funston recreationists, and prevent future closures of any portion of this precious resource.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I protest the planned closure of yet more of Fort Funston to recreation. I object to the closure of any of Fort Funston, and of its use for other than recreation purposes.

I am now a resident and home owner in San Francisco, but before I ever moved to the city, I was taken to Fort Funston so that I could enjoy the spectacular views of the city and the sea from the windblown vantage point of Fort Funston, with a plethora of dogs running and playing nearby.

For a dog owner or dog lover, Fort Funston is particularly evocative. There are few urban areas which provide the wide-open space available at Fort Funston for allowing a dog to run and play, and to meet and socialize with other dogs. Because it is open and broad, the dogs do not feel hemmed in, as may occur in small parks or those awful ghettos called "dog runs."

Walking, hiking, climbing up and down the hills in Fort Funston, and watching dogs – big dogs, little dogs, furry dogs, sleek dogs, most with lolling tongues and wide smiles – is truly "the San Francisco treat." And for myself, the sight of my eleven-year-old dog lying on the dune, enjoying the sun and breeze like a sunbather on the beach, fills me with pleasure, and makes me thank my lucky stars that I'm in San Francisco, and at Fort Funston.

The idea that this glorious area might be closed off in order to grow grass behind fences contravenes the very purpose and intention behind the transfer of the land to the Golden Gate National **Recreation Area**. The idea that the most beautiful area of Fort Funston should be made inaccessible to all in order to experiment in creating an ecological time warp, a laboratory that can't be walked on or played in, introducing plants that can't survive under normal urban park use, would be laughable if it weren't so tragic.

Maintenance and care of Fort Funston was transferred from the city of San Francisco specifically for recreation and park purposes. The significance attached to recreation is stated already in the title of the 1961 "Proposal to Acquire Fort Funston as a Recreation Area" (Bureau of Public Administration, University of California, Berkeley). It is repeated in every subsequent document regarding the transfer and use of Fort Funston, and it is recognized in the title and intent in the founding of the GGNRA itself.

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Thus, Congress established the GGNRA as a:

new national urban recreation area which will concentrate on serving the outdoor recreation needs of the people of the metropolitan region [with the objective] to expand to the maximum extent possible the outdoor recreation opportunities available in this region.

(H.R. Rep. No. 1391, 92nd Congress, 2nd Session [1972])

The use of GGNRA parks for off-leash recreation was addressed specifically during the hearings before the U.S. House of Representatives, and dog-walking was an enumerated activity in the U.S. House Report (H.R. Rep. No. 1391, p. 4854, cited in a letter from Edwin J. Sayres, President, SF/SPCA to Superintendent Brian O'Neill, GGNRA, Aug. 16, 2000). The importance and legitimacy of off-leash recreation at Fort Funston, among other areas, was reconfirmed formally by the GGNRA Advisory Commission in 1979.

Humans learn humanity very slowly. It is only now being recognized that the love and care that pets engender in people can give people the very will to live. It is also now recognized that those who care for pets have a responsibility to give them a reasonable quality of life, including the opportunity to run, to play, and to socialize with their own species. Fort Funston is on the cutting edge of this realization and this reality.

At Fort Funston, dogs and their humans can walk, run, exercise, and enjoy a quality of life, for **each** of the species, which is enhanced by their interaction. In an era of road rage, aggression and seemingly increasing danger and negative communication, Fort Funston represents a solution and a move forward, in its nevertheless decades-old recognition of the importance of these bonds.

In seeking to close these latest sections of Fort Funston, there is hardly a reason which hasn't been run up the flagpole: maintenance, safety, erosion, protection of bank swallows... While it is certainly true that maintenance, safety, etc. would be a lot easier with no people in the park at all, that disregards the purpose of the park, and of the recreational mandate. Given the fact that even the bank swallows are moving away from the "protected" areas, it is clear that the GGNRA has to reexamine its options and its priorities.

The GGNRA has the opportunity to take the high road here. It can (and must) honor its enabling legislation, which forefronts its recreational purpose. Fort Funston is a park loved, admired, and **used** by thousands and thousands of dog walkers, dog lovers, whale watchers, hikers, hang gliders and others, day after day.

Superintendent O'Neill, respond to the users of this park: Keep Fort Funston open, fully open, to the public.

Sincerely,



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. In an urban area, so densely packed with people and their pets, it is essential that there be space for dogs to freely interact in off-leash play. Well-exercised, well-socialized dogs are good dogs. The same can be said for their owners.

Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority. Such space is vital to the 38% of us who keep dogs, love the land, and contribute to the maintenance of our local environment.

Sincerely,

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