

**From:** [Donna Legge](#)  
**To:** [Los Altos Parks & Recreation Commission](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NO on Lincoln Park Dog Park Recommendation  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:10:37 AM  
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Good morning Chair Yeh and Commissioners.

Please see email below regarding opposition of a fenced-in dog park at Lincoln Park, as well as my response. As a reminder, staff will provide copies of all the correspondence at the meeting tonight.

Sincerely, Donna

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**From:** Donna Legge  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:07 AM  
**To:** jill reimann <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Lynette Lee Eng <lleeeng@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: NO on Lincoln Park Dog Park Recommendation

Good morning Jill (and neighbors). I am in receipt of your email below regarding your opposition to Lincoln Park as an option for a future fenced-in dog park. I have forwarded your email to the Parks and Recreation Commission, as the Commission is looking at both alternative fenced-in dog parks as well as an off-leash hours program.

There is a special meeting tonight at 7 pm to determine when and how many public workshops the Commission will schedule to solicit public input. In addition, they will finalize which parks to include in soliciting input. The full recommendation this evening is as follows:

**Recommendation:** Receive updated joint report from staff and Subcommittee report regarding proposed pilot program for off-leash hours and fenced-in dog park. Provide input, recommend 1) off-leash hours; 2) one or two fenced-in dog parks 3) number and schedule of public workshops and 4) schedule Commission meeting prior to forwarding a recommendation to City Council

The full report and attachments can be accessed at the link below

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/parksreccommission/page/special-parks-and-recreation-commission-1>

We will keep you on our mailing list for the public workshops. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely, Donna

**Donna Legge | Recreation & Community Services Director**

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*We Create Community Through People, Parks and Programs*

**From:** jill reimann <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 8:55 AM  
**To:** Donna Legge <[dlegge@losaltosca.gov](mailto:dlegge@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Lynette Lee Eng <[leeeng@losaltosca.gov](mailto:leeeng@losaltosca.gov)>  
**Subject:** NO on Lincoln Park Dog Park Recommendation

To: Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Service Director  
From: Jill Reimann, [REDACTED], Los Altos  
Re: Pilot Off-Leash Hours and Fenced-in Dog Park Proposal

Director Legge:

I oppose along with my husband and several neighbors the proposed pilot or permanent fenced-in dog park at Lincoln Park. I just became aware of the meeting tonight and hope it is not too late for my concerns to be heard.

The area will become too crowded and noisy. We already are dealing with traffic noise. Shoup Park generates activities and congestion. We don't need or want a change in the area that would change the park's character. It is now an attractive open-space area enjoyed by all.

Several neighbors like Lincoln park the way it is now, servicing as a quiet, contemplative area where people picnic, read and dogs and their owners enjoy without having to worry about breaking any laws. You may not be aware but it is already used by many dogs and their owners and the neighborhood welcomes these dogs.

Please check with the churches in the area. Many have services, funerals, meetings and classes during the week. The noise from the dog park would truly interfere with programs already in place.

It will attract people from outside of Los Altos. Please don't consider this as an effort to increase business in downtown Los Altos. They are two different situations.

Please arrange a meeting with the Old Los Altos neighbors before taking any action. I didn't receive a notice about this committee's recommendation. It would have been so helpful to my neighborhood to have known about the recommendation before getting to this stage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Reimann

Parks and Rec Commission November 25, 2019

My name is Jill Reimann and I live at 611 Palm Avenue. *I have known*

( [REDACTED] )  
I'm here tonight to voice my objection to installing a dog park in South Lincoln Park. To tell you the truth I would object to any development of Lincoln Park. I think it is a special, beautiful strip of land enjoyed by all and should remain as such.

Many months ago I was at the meeting where it was decided that a report should be conducted. I also wrote a letter voicing my concerns, as did several other neighbors. *at that time,*

I was surprised to hear, then to see, the current report. For some reason I thought I would be contacted, or somehow kept apprised before a final report was submitted. I don't understand how I missed this very important effort or how so few of us in the neighborhood knew about it coming before you tonight. Timing is bad to say the least because of the holiday week.

I ask you to consider the long term effect of a dog park. I think if it is installed as a pilot program that means it will be there for a very long time and will change the nature of the area and deprive us of dwindling open space that can be enjoyed by every one. Lincoln Park is a beautiful, narrow stretch of land that literally defines our elegant little semi- rural town. I do not want this area turned into a community center for dogs as suggested in the report. It is already a busy area with Shoup Park, Redwood Park, and three active churches.

Lastly, I think I will have to defend this small strip of land for the rest of my life. Los Altos continues to grow, with more office space development, small houses being replaced with much larger homes. It seems because Lincoln Park is an open space that it is always on someone's list to be developed. I hope there are enough people in town to protect this visable and very beautiful neighborhood park and keep it as is.

Thank You

*I will be sending more comments.*