From: amy halio
To: Kernighan, Pat; DL - City Council
Subject: dog ordinance vote
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Dear Pat,
I am pleased to learn that Council will soon vote on amending the regulations about dogs in the parks to allow more equitable access for households with dogs. Please vote YES to approve this legislation.

We learned from the process with the Lake Merritt dog park that people in every part of Oakland are asking for park access and I understand that the park department has conducted a number of studies to determine which parks are best for both off-leash and on-leash access at this time.

We know from observing activities around Lake Merritt that the presence of dogs at has neither been harmful to wildlife nor other users.

Please vote yes to support this regulatory change the city code to allow more people to use the parks with their whole families--including the dog.

Thank you for your consideration.

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