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**Subject:** Stop or Drastically Reduce the Gunshot Noise in Chabot Regional Parks in the East Bay
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The incessant sound of gunfire in the Chabot Regional Parks near parts of Oakland, San Leandro, and Castro Valley makes the peaceable enjoyment of some hiking trails and houses and yards of neighbors of the parks impossible on many days, especially on weekends.

Residents of the San Francisco Bay Area: Please support your neighbors who want to enjoy nature in Chabot Regional Parks and who live near the parks. They are being assaulted by the sound of gunfire to such an extent that they often cannot enjoy the parks or their homes and yards for hours at a time, especially on weekends. Signing the petition is especially important if you live in Alameda County or Contra Costa County, since you elect the Directors of the park district.

Support your neighbors by signing this petition addressed to the Board of Directors of East Bay Regional Parks District:

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/stop-or-drastically-reduce

**The 25-year lease of Chabot Gun Club to operate within Anthony Chabot Regional Park expires this year.** The use of this park and adjoining Lake Chabot Regional Park for environmental education and experiencing nature has expanded by leaps and bounds in the last 25 years, as has the number of neighbors near the park boundaries.

While the gun range is a valuable resource for the law enforcement personnel and private gun owners who practice there, that use is basically and essentially incompatible with the mission of urban-area parks such as the Chabot Regional Parks. Since over 95% of the users of the parks want an experience of the natural world, free of the explosive intrusion of gunshots, if a gun range is to continue to be operated in the park after the current lease expires, it must be under stringent **restrictions on the noise levels and days and hours of operation.**

Click here to support your neighbors who want to enjoy the parks and their homes and yards without feeling like they are in a war zone:

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/stop-or-drastically-reduce

Thank you!

Frank Burton

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