Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

1. Do you have a dog? If so, where are your favorite places to walk your dog?

Yes, I have two Pembroke Welsh Corgis. At the moment, I only walk my dogs in my neighborhood as there have been too many stories of dogs being attacked by non-responsible dog owners, and at this time one of my dogs is a Senior.

2. What parks, schools, open spaces and trails in San Mateo County do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash and/or off-leash?

Unfortunately, that is a difficult question for me. When I had younger dogs, they participated in performance activities (specifically agility competition) where I learned never to keep a dog off-leash for both the dog and human's protection. If all owners were responsible and they and their dogs were suitably trained, I would support off-leash activities. But, unfortunately, in my experience living in El Granada the last 6 years, a good percent of people are not sufficiently responsible for their or their dogs behavior, so I would support a variety of on-leash or off-leash areas clearly communicated, so that people can choose where they want to take their dogs and know there could be risks up front.

3. Do you support on-leash dog walking access at Rancho Corral de Tierra (Golden Gate National Recreation Area site on the coast)?

In a perfect world, I would support on-leash dog walking access to all trails that humans can walk. Unfortunately, since there is a portion of the dog owner community that are not responsible, I feel that there needs to also be no-dog areas for folks who might be afraid or have had a bad experience. I have no specific opinion as to where the on or off-leash, or no-dog trails should be, but I think that it would be nice to have a bit of each so that everyone could be accommodated.

4. Do you support providing opportunities for voice control dog walking at Rancho Corral de Tierra?

Again, I would refer to the question above. I support all opportunities to take my dogs everywhere I can, and as a responsible pet owner, I would always be respectful of others and keep my dogs on a leash if other people were around as I do not know how others react to dogs, nor do I know how other dogs would react to mine or vice versa.

5. Is there anything else you would like voters to know about your position on recreational dog walking access?

I would say that as a member of the Mid Coast Community Council, I don't feel that my personal opinion is really relevant. Since the Council is an advisory group, I feel that my role would be to advocate for the community, not push my agenda. I believe that access

should be provided for all (not only including dogs, but for people of different abilities too) and areas should be specifically indicated for the different uses.

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Thank you for answering these questions. We plan on putting your answers on our website to make it easy for your constituents to view your positions.