

Member, Board of Supervisors
District 11



City and County of San Francisco

GERARDO C. SANDOVAL

April 20, 2006

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

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I regularly receive complaints from my constituents in District 11 that there is a wide danger posed by unleashed animals. Specifically, many citizens feel that the Golden Gate recreation area is in great need of better pet management.

In 2005, a petition was circulated by, among other groups, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth and Action for Animals. This petition made clear that enforcement of leash laws is a necessity.

We all want San Francisco to be a safe place for our children and our families. The city's recreation areas are not only great tourism generators, but also places of enjoyment for San Francisco residents.

With proper leash law enforcement, the Golden Gate recreation area will remain accessible to dogs while maintaining the safety of both animals and humans alike.

Please help the city preserve the sensitive wildlife in GGNRA and ensure the safe recreation opportunities of the area by enforcing the National Park System's leash law.

I appreciate your help in this matter. If you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to contact my office at (415) 554-6975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerardo C. Sandoval".

Gerardo C. Sandoval