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Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I am writing to you to ask you not to make a hasty decision on the pending changes to the GGNRA General management Plan. There seems to be a concerted effort to rush these changes through, with little or no opportunity for the public to comment; changes which will drastically limit public access, as well as our ability to enjoy these recreational areas in the way they were meant to be enjoyed, and have been for decades. After all, the "R" in GGNRA stands for "recreation," not "restriction."

The proposed General Management Plan literally redefines and changes the stated park purpose that was established by an act of Congress in 1972. The original language holds "preserving for public use and enjoyment.... to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space..." is being changed to "...providing a national park experience..." What does that mean, and how is it an improvement from "needed recreational open space"? The answer - given the other proposed changes - would seem to be that it is not. San Francisco is the second most densely populated city in America after New York City, and the people of the San Francisco Bay Area fought hard to establish and protect this area which was founded to provide recreational opportunities for all.

We are a family with children and animals, and we live in a neighborhood in which children, parents, dog owners, dog walkers, and others have worked together to maintain our local park so that all can enjoy the benefits of outdoor space. If these changes go through, beaches, parks and trails where people have been welcomed for 40 years or longer will no longer be open. There will no longer be spaces where children and their dogs can play and run together. There is no credible reason to deny them the enjoyment, and the health benefits, of recreation in these open spaces.

I urge you not to sign off on any new plans that the GGNRA may be proposing, until the public has had adequate opportunity to weigh in. These plans will radically affect the quality of life in the Bay Area, and not for the good.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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