

From: (b)(6)
To: [Lehnertz, Christine](#)
Subject: Re: Ms. Lehnertz -- following up on request for a meeting with you.
Date: Monday, May 4, 2015 10:32:22 AM

Dear Superintendent Lehnertz,

Congratulations on your new job as superintendent of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

I'm writing once again on behalf of Save Our Recreation to request a meeting with you to discuss our group's concerns about the GGNRA general management plan and dog management plan.

As you know, Save Our Recreation represents more than 10,000 San Francisco Bay Area residents who support preserving recreation in the GGNRA. We are among the many groups in the Bay Area that feel the National Park Service has not taken seriously our perspective about changes planned for the areas that we consider to be our own backyards.

We very much hope that in your new role there will be an opportunity for collaboration between the National Park Service and the local community.

I will follow up via phone to attempt to schedule a meeting or you can contact me at (b)(6). Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Andrea Buffa

Save Our Recreation

On Sun, Oct 19, 2014 at 8:10 PM, Lehnertz, Christine <chris_lehnertz@nps.gov> wrote:
Hi Andrea,

I apologize for my delay in getting back with you and wanted to let you know that I have received your letter and referred it to Golden Gate NRA Superintendent Frank Dean for response. He and I are in close contact regarding the status of planning efforts. We have taken very seriously the active engagement of individuals and groups in regard to the issues at hand, very much appreciate your perspective, and will continue to involve the public.

Sincerely,

Chris Lehnertz

-Think safety. It couldn't hurt!

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On Fri, Oct 17, 2014 at 3:55 PM, Andrea Buffa <(b)(6)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I'm writing to follow up on the letter I sent to your office in late September, requesting a meeting with you on behalf of the group Save Our Recreation. I've pasted the letter below and attached it as a PDF in case you somehow missed it, since I haven't yet received any response from you or your office.

Thanks for your consideration,
Andrea Buffa, Save Our Recreation
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September 26, 2014

Christine Lehnertz, Regional Director
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Dear Regional Director Lehnertz:

We would like the opportunity to meet with you about our serious concerns regarding revisions

to the management of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Our group Save Our Recreation represents more than 10,000 Bay Area residents who support preserving recreation in the GGNRA. Individual members of our organization have previously attempted to schedule a meeting with you and your staff, but please consider this letter a formal request to meet with you so that we may start a dialogue and, hopefully, come to a resolution that addresses all concerns.

Nearly 40 years ago, the City and County of San Francisco and other local governments transferred management of the GGNRA to the federal government in exchange for the express promise that these lands would be managed to preserve recreation. Today, all we are asking is that the National Park Service continue to keep that promise.

The GGNRA is working and working brilliantly to bring parks and recreation to millions of people every year. As the population of the Bay Area grows, and grows rapidly, the need for recreational open space becomes ever more pressing. We are concerned that the Park Service is now considering severely restricting access to this urban refuge. A core tenet of the establishment of the GGNRA was “to preserve for public use and enjoyment” this recreation area and “serve the recreational needs of the people of the metropolitan area.” We ask that you consider this core tenant in your decisions making process, and that the surrounding communities be given a real opportunity to understand the proposed changes and give input that is not only seriously reviewed but also incorporated into the plan.

Over the last four decades, the GGNRA has expanded and acquired more land through acts of Congress. Much of these efforts have been in partnership with local communities, and we ask that the Park Service uphold its commitment to allow community participation in its decision making process, particularly when it comes to contentious issues.

We are asking you to reconsider your proposed changes to the management of the GGNRA and be more inclusive of community input. We encourage you to conduct an open process that aggressively engages and allows all interested parties to work together to ensure protections for both the environment and recreational opportunities.

We will follow up via phone to attempt to schedule a meeting or you can contact us at (b)(6) Thank you in advance for meeting on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Andrea Buffa

Save Our Recreation

