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Subject: GGNRA GMP Concerns
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Dear Ms. Lehnertz:

I am writing to voice my concern that the GGNRA's GMP is being pushed forward prematurely before a Dog Management Plan has been agreed upon with appropriate public input before being incorporated into the final GMP.

The GGNRA is an URBAN RECREATION AREA. This means that the desires of the PUBLIC should be taken into account, much more than they have been in this process to date. There are thousands of urban dog owners who use the GGNRA responsibly and they should not be unduly restricted when the park needs to take into account a range of citizens' needs -- not just those concerning flora and fauna, and those who want places to use where there won't be dogs. But I feel the GGNRA has shown a pattern of being overly restrictive and inaccessible regarding how they're dealing with the needs of dogs and their owners for urban recreation.

Bottom line, we do not want the GGNRA to predetermine where dog walking access can occur without due public process. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important decision.

Sincerely,
Christine Elbel-Auld;
30 years a committed San Francisco resident, 20 years a responsible dog owner