

From: [Lisa Neville](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Linda off-leash dog area
Date: Monday, April 07, 2025 6:29:10 PM

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Mr. Gonzales-

Hi my name is Lisa Neville. I live at [REDACTED] Ave. My house sits directly across from the park. In my opinion closing the park is the right thing to do. It's been a problem and dangerous for many years. You have my support as well as my neighbors on Sunnyside.

I wish I had known about this meeting sooner. I just received the city's letter at 6pm tonight.

I have spoken to my neighbors, they all received this letter this afternoon between 5:30 and 6pm.

Please consider in the future giving us a little more of a, "heads up."

Thanks

Lisa Neville

From: [Ariel Gonzalez](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Linda ave dog park.
Date: Tuesday, April 08, 2025 10:14:28 AM

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I am writing you today to express my concern over Linda ave dog park. I live in Oakland, not in a very safe part of Oakland either. I work on piedmont ave and I work everyday, joyfully with the people and animals with in this neighborhood. Linda ave. Dog park is the only safe dog park I can bring my dog Khalo to. I don't drive and this is the safest one within walking distance. Other dog parks in Oakland have glass and needles and holes in the fence and are not kept clean and the weeds and fox tails are rarely cut down. I have always had a pleasant time at Linda dog park. The people are nice, the dogs play well together. It is a crucial space to have not only for my khalo but for all the community doggos. Socializing properly is so important for our furbabies and their happiness is linked to human happiness. I really urge you to protect this space. It is hard enough trying to find ways I can keep socializing my dog in Oakland as I want to her to be safe and have positive interactions. I can't begin to describe the joy I feel when I bring her to the dog park. She looks forward to going there and she wears the biggest smile every time we go there. Please don't take that away from us.

Ariel González

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Miller-Davis](#)
To: [Daniel Gonzales](#)
Cc: [City Council](#); [Jonathan Davis](#)
Subject: Linda off leash dog park
Date: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 9:50:46 AM

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I received the letter about the planned permanent closure of the off-leash dog park, dated April 1, on April 8, after the meeting had taken place (having been away for the long weekend). Not helpful!

I will also be out of town for the next Council meeting on this topic.

The letter doesn't address what investment, if any, will be made to improve the area. I urge the City to improve this area with plantings commensurate with parks in other parts of town. Please don't just leave it closed, fallow and an eyesore.

The same could be said for many of the parks and school planting areas in the neighborhood - way below par compared to those in other parts of town. Don't have time to go out and document this, but guessing any who drove around and eyeballed would come to the same conclusion.

Thanks!
Susan Miller-Davis


From: [Stephanie Penrod](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Daniel Gonzales](#)
Subject: Keep Linda Dog Park
Date: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 6:39:57 AM

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Dear City Council,

I am contacting you to express my dismay at learning that Linda enclosed dog park was being considered for permanent closure. As a Piedmont resident, I use this park 3-4 times weekly and had been eagerly awaiting its reopening. The City should fence off any unsafe areas and make plans to address other concerns in order to preserve this beloved park, which is the only fenced in dog park in the area.

I was also incredibly disappointed by the execution of this proposal, which was minimally noticed and coincided with PUSD's Spring Break, a time when many stakeholders (like myself) were likely to be out of town and unable to meaningfully participate discussion about how to manage this invaluable community resource. This is a significant step which should not be taken without broader community discussion and support.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Penrod
[REDACTED]

From: [Niki Kates](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Linda Dog Park
Date: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 7:48:42 AM

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Good morning,

I became aware this morning of the effort to close Linda Dog Park, which I strongly oppose. Linda Park is a staple of the community for dog owners- I personally go there almost daily with my dog in the spring and summer months. It is the only place in our neighborhood where he can play off leash and it has been a meaningful place for me to socialize and make friends with other dog owners. I understand there are some problems with the soil and pollutants but I assure you there are dozens of local dog owners who would willingly volunteer for park maintenance if it meant we could keep this place for our dogs to play. Please don't get rid of this park without giving the community a chance. It means too much to too many people.

Sincerely,
Niki
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruce Joffe](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Nancy Kent](#); [Nancy Kent](#)
Subject: Linda Ave. dog park
Date: Tuesday, April 08, 2025 3:08:43 PM

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Surely the City's planners, architects, and engineers can design a re-landscaping of the park that would make it safe for people and dogs. How about 8-inch stair-step levels upwards from the Linda Ave boundary?

The people in our neighborhood ("Baja Piedmont") need an off-leash park for our dogs. The other off-leash areas in Piedmont are not within easy walking distance. The Moraga area is too far for walking, it doesn't have adequate parking, and without fencing it is too dangerous next to the heavily-trafficked Moraga Ave.

There are nearby places that people will go to throw balls with their dogs, places that would be worse for that kind of usage. Please find a way to preserve the dog park.

Thank you,
Bruce Joffe
[REDACTED]

From: [Nick Goyhenetche](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Daniel Gonzales](#); [Deniz Ergun](#); [Rosanna Bayon Moore](#)
Subject: Linda Ave Dog park closure
Date: Wednesday, April 09, 2025 9:54:10 PM

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Dear Piedmont City Council,

Hi this is Nick, I spoke at the April 7 meeting. It's clear that Linda Ave dog park has it's issues and I agree with Piedmont staff and board members that it's probably not practical or possible to spend millions modifying the topography of the park.

That said this closure seems rushed to say the least. I'd like the public and the city to have time, especially during the coming dry months, to utilize the park and discuss possible solutions. Most interesting to me is the idea put forth by some council members of moving the park across the street.

The narrative being presented where the Water board is threatening Piedmont with imminent and looming fines is curious. Was it \$66,000 per day mentioned at the April 7th meeting? My understanding is that these relationships between agencies and cities are back and forth based on respect. I think it's worth mentioning that Piedmont is in excellent standing with the Water Board, 10 years ahead of schedule with regards to sewer line replacement if I'm not mistaken? I'm confident that a statement from Piedmont to the Water Board saying something to the effect of: 'This is an important park for residents and their pets and we're exploring additional cost effective BMP's as well as the possibility of moving the park nearby' would be well received. Certainly worth a try.

A hard October closure of the park for 6 months, not the sporadic open/close that's been practiced, if not permanent closure followed by a hydroseed would give plenty of time for slope stabilization and vegetative growth.

Thank you for your consideration and please email text or reach out. I'm especially interested in the possibility of moving the park across the street. This site deserves further study I believe. It has the bridge and Oakland Avenue as a buffer from housing as well and the field and restrooms as buffer from housing to the east and North. It seems like a shortish run, approximately 130 feet of 6' fencing in order to separate the Dog Park from the students and field is all it would really take to make it viable. Asphalt is fine for dogs to run on, in fact it helps keep their nails short and asphalt parks do exist elsewhere in the East Bay.

Anyways I'd love to continue the dialogue and at least explore taking Linda Park off the chopping block as soon as possible. This park does tremendous good for the

community and could be improving the quality of life for Piedmont and Oakland residents and their pets as we speak.

All the best,
Nick Goyhenetche

