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New Off-Leash Dog Park Opens in Allied Gardens

New park is first City-funded off-leash dog park in District 7 and comes as a result of Councilmember Campillo's leadership and the work and advocacy of hundreds of community members

SAN DIEGO — Today, San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo was joined by approximately 75 Allied Gardens residents, local dog owners, and members of the community for a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony of the new Allied Gardens Off-Leash Dog Park.

“When I took office as City Councilmember, the Navajo community made it clear that they wanted an off-leash dog park – and I promised them I would do everything I could to help,” said Councilmember Raul Campillo. **“I’m proud to deliver this dog park – the first ever City-funded off-leash dog park in District 7 – for Allied Gardens residents and the surrounding Navajo area. Now, Navajo residents can enjoy a dog park in their own community rather than have to travel to other parts of the City to do so.”**

“This off-leash dog park is a long-awaited addition to the Navajo neighborhoods,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. **“Dog parks aren't just a play place for our furry friends; they help foster a sense of community, promote physical activity, and enhance the overall wellbeing of both dogs and their humans.”**

“Due to the lack of a dog park in District 7, local dog owners have resorted to using joint-use fields and recreational parks to let their dogs run off-leash,” said Gerhard Oertelt, founder of [Beyond Leashes](#), a group of residents who have advocated for an off-leash dog park in the Navajo area for years. **“Our community members have been trying to establish an off-leash dog park for 5+ years, which should allow dog owners to legally socialize and exercise their**

dogs, while at the same avoid disputes with residents, the school, and sports teams – a win-win for everyone. Finally, that exciting day has come! Thank you, Councilmember Campillo for being our voice on the City Council and helping secure a brand-new dog park for Navajo residents.”

The new dog park is located immediately adjacent to the Allied Gardens Pool, 6707 Glenroy St, San Diego, CA 92120. The park features repurposed logs for agility training and seating, a dog drinking fountain, trash and recycling receptacles, dog-bag dispensers, and separate fenced areas for large and small dogs (19,000 square ft and 8,850 square ft respectively). Additionally, heavy fabric has been set up along the fence of the Allied Gardens Pool so as to mitigate any impact to pool users.

The new dog park is larger than 68% of City of San Diego dog off-leash areas (DOLAs), excluding Dog Beach and DOLAs within Regional Parks. The Allied Gardens DOLA is larger than the DOLAs at Maddox Neighborhood Park, Charles Lewis III Neighborhood Park, Doyle Community Park, North Park Community Park, Memorial Community Park, Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park, Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park, Nobel Community Park, Civita Park, Capehart Neighborhood Park, and Rancho Peñasquitos Neighborhood Park.

Councilmember Campillo has worked with Beyond Leashes to find a suitable location for an off-leash dog park in the Navajo Community since taking office in 2020. After conducting two public workshops and a comprehensive study to identify a suitable location for the dog park, Councilmember Campillo and staff selected the location adjacent to the pool.

Councilmember Campillo secured \$389k in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to fund the instillation of the dog park and to pay for park maintenance staff.

[Pictures and Schematics of New Dog Park and Ribbon Cutting Event](#)

About Councilmember Raul Campillo

Councilmember Raul Campillo proudly represents the Seventh Council District of the City of San Diego and serves as the Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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