

Appendix 1-2 Comments of NOP

Appendices

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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:24:49 PM

Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"

5.15.17 I am an 80-year-old caregiver to my 91-year-old WWII Veteran/husband who is housebound and unable to walk. When I leave him I want fresh air and open space for my new rescue dog, Kerry Blue, and me. There are very few places for us to walk that are truly open and safe and provide the freedom we need to clear our minds and kindle our souls. The dog park in Scripps Ranch is not fenced. Others in Poway are too small to give us that beautiful outdoor panoramic feeling.

Fiesta Island is just such a place. I met a lady there on Sat. May 13, who was walking there using a walker accompanied by her dog and her handicapped adult daughter. It is a safe and beautiful open place for us all.

I took a folding chair and Kerry Blue and I walked the length and breadth of the area, a great outdoor experience that we needed. There was nothing to disturb our peaceful encounter with nature including the smell and sound of the surf. The area is so vast that other dogs and people seem to melt into the surroundings.

Most beaches in San Diego have time limits for dogs to even be near the area. Since I must hire a caregiver to replace me when I go out, I need to be able to go to an area that does not have time restrictions. I need an area that welcomes both me as a walker, and my dog that is my loving companion who needs some free off leash time too. Being safe is an issue for us. Seeing the vastness of a natural setting is so very replenishing. Walking is my exercise and my meditation.

I urge you to keep Fiesta Island intact. No divisions, no roads, and no "upgrades." The only upgrade might be to remove the foxtails that plague our four legged lovers.

Thank you for considering my views. I hope that you understand just how important this open vast area is to those of us who need a beautiful "Central Park West". Melisa Moriarty

From: [Ed Noz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "info@fidisd.org" <info@fidisd.org>
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:09:39 AM

<div dir="ltr"><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">To whom it may concern,</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">I am writing to show my support for the county to adopt Option B for Fiesta Island. Please strongly consider leaving the Fiesta Island off-leash dog park as is. This is a rare and unique area to enjoy with my two dogs. Fiesta Island dog park has ample room and access to the calm waters of Mission Bay for humans and their canine companions to freely roam. Having this park available to San Diego citizens is a great way to socialize for both dog owners and their dogs. Both myself and spouse will frequently make the drive from North County on the weekends just to meet friends with their furry companions. It's a great place to walk the miles of open area uninterrupted by traffic and allowing the dogs a place to run free. </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">Ocean Beach dog park is the only other off-leash area that I frequent, but most times on the weekends, parking can be a challenge. Over on Fiesta Island there is ample parking and room for everyone. If option A is adopted, it will have a negative effect on the area. Increased traffic with the addition of a road cutting through it, plus a proposed amphitheater? I'm not sure how this will improve Fiesta Island or the county's public lands. Leaving the island in a natural state to be enjoyed by the public is the only option. It was designated many years ago as a public recreation area. Numerous people in San Diego are dog owners and having an area as vast as Fiesta Island for their dogs to run and play off-leash is a treasure.</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">Please adopt Option B for Fiesta Island!</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">Sincerely,</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;"> </p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">Ed and Jan Noz</p></div>

face="Times New Roman" size="3"><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0pt;">3358 Ryan Drive,
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From: [William Rountree](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:24:36 PM

Hello,

I take my dog to Fiesta Island about twice a week, and love it. I realize it is a large area, and some of it is not being utilized. My thought is why not leave the fenced area how it is, and put something smack dab in the middle of it, that kids would enjoy. A couple examples are a bmx or skate park, something that kids could play in (kids love dirt), and parents could walk dogs around the outside of it, while keeping an eye on their kids. I guess another example could be a frisbee park. Let's be creative, seems like us San Diegans can come up with something creative that kids and adults can enjoy.

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From: [Ken](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 3:28:40 PM

To whom it may concern. I am writing this email in support of "OPTION B". As a lifetime San Diego resident ,(1956 to present) I have not only enjoyed Fiesta Island as a safe quite place to run and exercise the many dogs I have had over the years, but it also serves as an" oasis for my mind ", a place where I too can decompress and recharge the batteries to face the always growing and changing San Diego. This is a city I love and we all ,dogs and humans, need this last place of solitude and quite to in effect be better citizens of this awesome city. I will watch the results of this vote and will lend my support to those who vote for OPTION B, and will work harder to unseat those who vote for any change on the Island.

With respect and love for this great place to live.

Ken Young
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From: rogerskm@aol.com
To: PLN_PlanningCEQA
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line. PLEASE CC: info@FIDOSD.org
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:37:32 PM

adopting Option B

**On behalf of saving this dog park:
Both my husband and I like the dog park, we are both senior citizens
there are not to many choices for seniors to walk their dogs that is safe
both for us and our dogs. We feel that it is unfair to remove this open
space for the **benefit** of closing the land for building lockers and storage.**

Kathern and Vernon Rogers

From: Mccoy4ib@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; sdcvma@aol.com; ridgebks@aol.com
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 4:58:40 PM
Attachments: [LETTER FIDO June 1, 2017.docx](#)

Please see attached letter in support of Option B for Fiesta Island.

Thank you.

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From: [Douglas Molloy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org; [doug & jo molloy](#); [Douglas Molloy](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 12:01:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

With regard to the proposed plans of Option A and Option B, to modify, upgrade, or renovate Fiesta Island, I would like to offer the following information and personal preference for Option B.

We live in East County San Diego, 92019, but use Fiesta Island 5-6 days a week. We use the area to exercise our two dogs, as well as to exercise ourselves. To us, it is an amazing resource, one which offers an opportunity to exercise our dogs off-lease in an area that allows sufficient space for the many different dogs and people who rely upon this resource.

The lose of even a small portion of this area would have significant and detrimental effects on our quality of life. There simply are no other areas which function in the manner and way the off-leash area of Fiesta Island functions.

Please accept our now voiced significant concern for the loss of this valuable resource, without which the quality of our lives would be significantly reduced, and the value of life in the area, worthy of reconsideration.

Sincerely, Douglas and Jo Molloy / 92019

From: [William Moseley](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 5:33:53 PM

Dear Sirs & Madams,

I live at 3107 Edith Lane, San Diego, CA 92106. Every day I take my dogs to the Off Leash Dog Park on Fiesta Island and have been doing so for the last 16 years. I am opposed to any changes on Fiesta Island which would in any way limit my walking of my dogs in the wonderful fenced in area where the dogs may run and play off leash. Paddle boarders have the entire Mission Bay area to launch there paddle boards anywhere they choose. Please consider this when you are contemplating taking away any of our fenced in off leash dog park. That also goes for any future development for Hotels or any other commercialization of this area. As a voting citizen and true tax payer and not tax receiver, I believe you should show us dog owners more consideration for what very few places we have to walk our dogs.

Thank you for your consideration

William G. Moseley, M.D.

From: [debby.hamann](mailto:debby.hamann@pln.org)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@pln.org)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:43:03 PM

I highly support Option B for Fiesta Island; a permanent fenced area with the existing area set aside for walking and off leash dogs.
Any roads through that area would be hazardous to dogs. I walk at least once weekly there. More management of weeds/foxtails would be appreciated since they do come home on the dogs.
Wildlife does thrive on that secluded area; I have seen a king snake there this spring which was unexpected.
Dogs really do need access to water for exercise and lots of running space.
Dogs certainly are quieter than jet skis and motor boats; they also emit no air pollutants.
Fiesta is often closed for special occasions; there is no other conquerable place to go instead.
PLEASE KEEP OUR DOG PARK OPEN.
Thanks for reading this opinion.

Debra Hamann
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El Cajon CA 92020

From: [Gina Barbosa ~ Sisu Beads](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO Volunteer](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 6:12:04 PM

To whom it may concern,

First and foremost, Option B!!!!!!

Fiesta Island off leash dog park area is an amazing asset to our city. I meet people there every week who come from all over the world to visit. Many people from all over the country plan their vacations around this place so that they can bring their dogs to the best dog park in the country. There is no place like it in all of San Diego.

Not only do the thousands of dog lovers come here to let their dogs run free and burn off energy, but there are runners who love the car free safe trails. The easy walk keeps many seniors on their feet, walking, enjoying the view and getting amazing interaction with people and their dogs. My mom being one of those. Before my dad died, it was one of his favorite places to go. A short walk to the center benches and he would be in the hub of the activity.

This area was "given" to the dogs many many years ago. We are not allowed off leash at our miles of coast line and not allowed most hours of the day along the walking paths at Mission Bay Park even on leash. I personally take my pups there at least three days a week. They love running, playing, sniffing and meeting new friends. They remain fit, well balanced, their temperament is calm and friendly. I believe in my heart that it is because of the exercise and socialization they get at the Fiesta Island dog park.

The group FIDO has worked hard to save this area and in doing so have created a community of dog lovers who take pride in their area. So many people show up at the FIDO poop clean ups and help keep our area clean. Sadly a lot of the pick up is of trash coming in from the tide. But it gets picked up. There is even a Facebook page where people can post about lost car keys, leashes and of course dogs. More than one happy reunion has happened because of this group/family that FIDO has helped create.

For the sake of our city, we need to move forward with Option B, keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off leash area. We do NOT need the area divided by a road, no fences and certainly no amphitheater. We could put some of this time and energy into managing the foxtails for the safety of the dogs. This is a far better plan to reduce environmental impacts.

Thank you for your time,

Gina Barbosa and her pups Lapsi and Kimi.

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[Sisu Beads](#)

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From: [Kimberly Weinstein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:51:15 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important master plan update for Fiesta Island. I am a native San Diegan in my mid-fifties who has recreated on Fiesta Island since childhood. Now I primarily access the island to take my dogs for their great adventures in the off leash area. Any plan that seeks to limit the area for dogs seems short sighted.

Looking at the options in the Fiesta Island Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Option B is the one that I would support. Please seriously study and consider this option. I believe it keeps the park the closest to the intent of the Fiesta Island original purpose.

Thank you,
Kimberly Weinstein
4221 Coronado Ave
San Diego CA 92107

From: [Fruge, Pamela](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 5:20:13 PM

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The City defines **two options** in the Public Notice (see link below).

"Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users.

"Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I am writing in support of Option B.

The Fiesta Island Off leash Dog Park, that is a multi-use land space for people (campers, hikers, boaters, water-ski'ers, Over the line games, motor enthusiasts and more) as well as for our dog and their families. It is highly rated not only locally but nationally as the the largest and best facilities for both dogs and people. As part of the diverse land spaces that are encompassed in San Diego, we want to ensure the we maintain these spaces for open access, outdoor activity inherent to living in a beautiful city like ours. Sure, we can build more parking lots and more hotel rooms and more dense housing, but in order to thrive people need open clean spaces to reconnect with nature and enjoy the city in which we live. Fiesta Island is an incredible space that allows all of that, and one in which all manner of enthusiasts not only co-exist, but care deeply for the spaces and take care of them.

Please vote for option B

Zip code 92111

From: [Robyn Nielsen](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:25:15 PM

Dear City Planning Department,

This letter is in reference to the included above Amendment to Fiesta Island. I regularly (daily) enjoy the off-lease area with my husband and dog while running. It is part of our daily lives and give us the opportunity to enjoy the reason we live in San Diego (being close to the bay and hearing the waves crash while exercising, hiking/trail running, having my dog have open terrain to play nicely with others, and of course being able to end the day with view of the sunsets). Keeping the location of the off lease area is imperative as well the continued access to this Mission Bay Shoreline as without this we would no longer be able to enjoy why we choose to live here. We utilize the entire area since we run, hike/job up the hills and it would be detrimental to have any blockage including additional fences and/or road added. I am in full support of Option B to continue/expand the off-lease area or at a minimum keep it intact. As far as the analysis of impacts, I have noticed in certain times of the year (spring primarily) the foxtails can be an issue and it would be beneficial to have the area mowed more frequently, even if only quarterly.

Thanks very much,
Robyn and Matthew Saia (and Romeo)
2692 Escala Circle
San Diego, CA 92108

From: [Katelyn Ford](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:11:29 PM

Adopt Plan B. The less changes, the better. Fiesta Island is perfect the way it is. Increased fenced area would be nice. Do not put a road through the middle and make fenced area smaller.

Katelyn Ford
Zip code 92307

I have visited only once. I plan to come back frequently, if it hasn't been destroyed with the new buildings plans.

From: [Dawn Tomlinson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line.
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:34:45 PM

My dog and I visit Fiesta Island a minimum of 5 days a week and it is a wonderful place to take him off leash. There is no other place to equal Fiesta Island, it is heaven on earth for the dogs that enjoy it so much, as do I being able to spend time with my dog in such a beautiful place. They have the opportunity to feel free to run, play and socialize with other dogs. I would very much like it to stay just the way it is now, no roads, not more fences, no amphitheatre, the size as it is now is perfect and should be protected, and I would very much like it to stay that way. The foxtails are a problem as I have to check his body and feet after each visit to make sure that he does not have any on his fur or between his toes. I strongly support Option B and trust you will also.

Sincerely
Dawn Tomlinson
92126

From: crisotg@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 6:49:10 AM

Please go with Option B. Fiesta Island is a wonderful resource for dogs and their humans. I live in Pacific Beach and my son's family and I love to take our dogs to Fiesta Island. It's a grand place for people like us. Please don't limit our access.

thank you,

Christine O'Connor, resident and registered voter

From: [Karen Friedrichs](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 3:24:17 PM

I strongly support Option B, in the Fiesta Island planning.
Thanks,
Karen Friedrichs

From: crisotg@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 6:49:10 AM

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thank you,

Christine O'Connor, resident and registered voter

From: [Randy LaDue](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:35:58 PM

Dear Sir

What are your regular uses of the area?

I use fiesta island to walk my 2 dogs with my wife Janet 6 days per week.

- What kind of analysis of impacts would you like to see with respect to these areas?

I want the dog park to remain the same as it is with a bathroom at the main entrance.

A porta potty is fine

- Do you have any information related to the analysis of impacts that you can provide?

My Doctor wants me to do 45 minutes of walking per day 5 days per week.

It is an important part of my exercise to walk my dogs at the dog park and to get 45 minutes of exercise per day.

I want the plan B to be adopted -

This is the best off leash dog park in the whole country and one of the best assets in Mission Bay.

Please to not put a road in the middle of it and ruin it.

Thanks for your consideration to keep the off leash do park the way it is.

Randy & Janet LaDue

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From: [Nele Berner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:20:26 PM

After reviewing the two options being proposed for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update (Fiesta Island Amendment), we are writing to support **Option B** as our choice for the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

We take our very active dog (Louie) to Fiesta Island almost every day for an off-leash walk, and to socialize with other dogs and their owners. We also ride bikes and jog around the Island, as well as participate in the OTL tournament each year. We love that people from all walks of life come out to enjoy this very unique area of San Diego and are constantly remarking on what a “magical” place Fiesta Island is. As life-long San Diegans, I can honestly say we have spent a large part of our lives there.

Since we enjoy Fiesta Island the way it is, we never really thought there was a need for any changes/development. However, when we heard there were two options being considered for review and comments, we carefully analyzed both plans and quickly came to the conclusion that Option A doesn't make sense. There already exists playgrounds, parking lots, picnic tables, boat launches and restrooms along E Mission Bay Drive and Sea World Drive for anyone who wishes to use these type of amenities. We also find it odd that a “Paddling Facility/Storage” with a road cutting through the existing open space is being proposed in Option A. Who is this for? The general public currently drive their watercraft to the existing boat launches at the Bay, and return it to their private storage when they are done using it. Kayaker's can simply drive their vehicle to any spot on the Island to launch. It makes no sense to bisect the open-space and spend taxpayer funds on a facility that is not needed.

The City says that the intent of the Options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the Island, reduces environmental impacts, reduce the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and should be economically feasible to implement. Option B fulfills this much better than Option A.

Nele, Paul, Cassandra & Kyle Berner
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San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Gerry Stearns](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 6:22:16 AM

Sirs

Please adopt Option B. Fiesta Island Dog Park is the best dog park in the country. We travel extensively and spend 3 months in San Diego every winter for both your climate and the dog park. Our dogs love it. We mostly use the fenced area. There is very seldom any dog/dog aggression because there is enough room for all. The dog park in our town is only 3 acres and dog/dog aggression does occur.

My husband and I love Fiesta Island because it is a great place for humans as well. We walk and run along the trails and take our birdwatcher friends there to see the horned larks, meadowlarks and water birds that don't show up in Montana. We love watching people enjoying everything about this wonderful area with their dogs and family. The other dog owners are very friendly and helpful, and I have met many people who are there on vacation and are delighted to find such a dog-friendly place. In fact, all of San Diego is dog friendly!

Please be sure to analyze the impact of expanded types of use on traffic. Already traffic is glacial on busy days and the parking lots fill.

Should RVs be allowed to stay there for several days? And if so, please consider some parking rules. Right now they pull in any way they want, thus blocking large areas of the beach.

Please adopt Option B

Thank you,

Gerry Stearns
Whitefish, MT 59937

From: [Keyes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; 2keyes@att.net
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:05:53 PM

We strongly support Plan B which keeps the dog spaces intact.

This is the best dog space in San Diego and we don't want to split it up with an intruding road. Keep it the way it is please.

Thank you.

Jesse and Diana Keyes
858-565-4459
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From: [Sato, Karoline](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:53:05 PM

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

Hello, my name is Karoline Sato.

My husband and I have been full time residents of San Diego since 1990. Living 15years in Pacific Beach and now residing in La Mesa (91941).

We have been bringing our dogs and meeting friends with their dogs at Fiesta Island for as long as I can remember!

At least 3 times a week you can find us and our dogs strolling the shoreline. Other days my husband will bike with our puppy around the Island.

Because of the size of the park, dogs don't get territorial keeping it safe for all.

Fiesta Island is one of the few peaceful areas that we can still enjoy with ours pups~ leash free~ without worry.

I implore you to leave this area alone!

San Diegans have the entire coast line as well as the bay to visit and enjoy! Please leave this area for the thousands of dog lovers who also want an area to enjoy with our dogs.

My husband and I support OPTION B!!!

Thank you for your time,

Karoline Sato, RMCS

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From: [Robin Nelson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line.
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:56:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B

Fiesta Island is an area that **should have an open access, off-leash area, as it does now, available to citizens of San Diego and their animals.** FIDO has worked tirelessly to keep the existing area clean, welcoming and I have spent many a day with my dogs enjoying the openness and freedom this area gives to the public.

SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B

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SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B

Using our city and sharing our resources is what makes our city one of the finest in California. Please act carefully and take your responsibilities to the pet owners in San Diego.

SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

Our animals can't talk to you, but we can. Our animals can't share the feeling of freedom and their joy in running in a safe and healthy area. But we can.

Support Option B in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

Thank you,

Robin J.Nelson

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?"

[Pharrell Williams - Freedom - YouTube](#)

From: [Susanna Concha-Garcia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:52:26 PM

I have continuously used the Mission Bay Fiesta Island dog park area with my dogs, family and friends for at least 20-25 yrs. This is the only dog park where I can let my dogs run free for hours at a time without worrying about safety. Plus I get exercise too. I'm there every weekend both Saturdays & Sundays during the Fall & Winter months. During the summer I go weekends plus during the week when there are longer days with sun light.

I do not want to see Fiesta Island cemented over and with large structures that would destroy the accessibility for my dogs and for others that use this area. I am physically handicapped and am able to walk in Fiesta Island with my dogs without problems.

We need more not less open green areas in the City of San Diego. The air quality is already impacted from Interstate 5, and the run off from the rains pollute the bay and ocean with toxic particulates, organic and inorganic waste.

Adding more structures and covering the green area with cement will only add to the air pollution and bay pollution in this area and is not smart nor logical.

For these reasons I chose Option B, to keep the Fiesta Dog area intact and increase the fenced, off leash area.

Sincerely,

Susanna Concha-Garcia
Native San Diego County Resident
Zip 91977

From: [Elizabeth Cullen](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment."
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:49:26 PM

Please preserve the off-leash dog park at Fiesta Island. I love walking with my friends and their dogs in these unleashed, wild places. It's a freedom you don't get when the dog has to be on a leash.

Beth Cullen
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From: [Teri Ellison](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:32:00 PM

I support Option B

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

I have been taking my Doberman's to Fiesta Island regularly for approximately 10 years. I have shared this wonderful piece of land with several friends and family. What a gem to have in our backyard of San Diego!

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From: [Courtney DiCerbo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); indo@fdosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:50:39 AM

To whom it may concern

I am a resident of San Diego and am emailing to voice my support for option B in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan in order to keep and increase the fenced in dog park area. This area is my families all time favorite part of San Diego as we have a rescue dog who is part of our family. We go to fiesta at least twice a week and almost every day in the summer in order to spend time together as a family, get exercise and spend time with other members of our community we have met there. It is such a special place and there is nothing else like it I have ever experienced. I can not imagine if this was taken away or decreased in size. It would have a profound impact on our community and I truly think the best decision would be to keep and increase the size of the fenced in area so more families could enjoy this space.

I understand that San Diego is growing but keeping open space for community activities is vital and my hope is that those making this decision will see that. Thank you

-Courtney DiCerbo
92109

From: marilies.schoepflin
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:34:53 PM

Hi,

I already sent in my comment about this issue. I forgot to give you my zip code. I'm adding it now. It is 92037.

Sincerely Marilies Schoepflin

Marilies Schoepflin Ph.D.

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La Jolla

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From: [Courtney Walters](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidisd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:51:28 PM

I support option b to keep or extend the existing off leash dog area at fiesta island. I am a native San diegan who has watched development erode some of the beauty of San Diego's local small town feel. Fiesta island has long been a peaceful and fun place for community. Please do not change it.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Misell, Richard](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:01:07 PM

To whom it may concern,
I take our three dogs down to dog park 5 times a week.
There is no other place like it and I hope it remains the same.
It brings a lot of pleasure to a lot of people and dogs.
So I hope you guys/gals pick Option "B".
Thank you for your time,

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From: [Jill Basinger](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:08:10 PM

As a resident of Bay Park, 92110, **I am writing to support Option B** for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area. My family and I, including our two very active border collies, visit the off-leash dog park at least once a week as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. **If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family**, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood.

"Option B" includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
[.http://bit.ly/2sUavbc](http://bit.ly/2sUavbc)

Off-leash, protected (**vehicle free**) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jillian Basinger

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From: [hollie alcocer](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:31:05 AM

I support proposed "B" plan as I am a FIDO member and use the dog park regularly. It is a unique dog park and was voted the best in the nation and we need to keep it as such. I use it every week and have a regular meetup of dogs who join me and my dog to enjoy and it's the only dog park that my dog can run so freely . I have been using it for probably 9 years and feel SD is lucky to also have an organization "FIDO" to maintain and clean it up regularly by volunteers. Please keep Fiesta Island the way it has been used for years now , it's the only place where people bring their horses to the water as well as the Over The Line Tournaments being held every year. I do hope you will let us continue using the park with the same amount of area or extended area if possible. Hollie Alcocer 92129

From: [Michele Lang-Hillyard](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:47:26 AM

Dear Planning Commision,

Although I appreciate the need to update Fiesta Island, the proposed A option is not acceptable. It discounts how the park is currently used, and cuts the leash free zone significantly. Over the many years we have had dogs (now 15 years), my family has watched how the dog park is always being utilized by hundreds of people, while nearby boat launches and aquatic venues sit vacant. In fact, it is rare to even see water skiers or kayaks, although the area is easily accessed. Option B is really the only logical option. All one needs to do is to visit the sight on any given day, and realize how it is utilized. Option B simply allows more people to enjoy the space.

Please adopt Option B!

Thank you,
Michele Lang-Hillyard

Sent from my iPad

From: [Cj](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fido.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line.
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:12:25 AM

I support option b- to maintain/expand the current off leash dog area at Fiesta Island

This is a one of a kind area for dog owners and we love the off leash dog park. We use the space daily, except on the weekends when the bikers and runners take over the island.

Please look to the area by camp land on the bay if you want to develop any area, the old trailer park is the place to start, not Fiesta Island.

Thanks

Cris Everett

From: [Sue Watson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:09:37 PM

It is very important to my family that Plan B is approved for Fiesta Island. We love bring our 3 Fing Dogs (Finn, Fiona and Freckles) to the beach at Fiesta Island every opportunity we have. We are fortunate to have this area for leash free romping. There is no other place like it and we think it is imperative to preserve as much of the current state as possible. I would worry if there was an increase in vehicle traffic adjacent to the leash free area.

Please keep Fiesta Island a safe place for our family by approving Plan B.

Best regards,
Sue and Jenn Watson-Shuey
Fiona, Finn and Freckles.

Sue Watson-Shuey
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From: [Townsend, Stacy L.](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:26:24 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my concern with the current plan to "re-build" Fiesta Island. As an Accountant, I understand from a business side the importance for growth and being able to bring revenue into the city. However, Fiesta Island is a San Diego gem for my family and dogs. I am hoping that the voice of the people who use this space will be heard and considered before any actions are taken.

I currently live in El Cajon and travel to Fiesta Island each weekend (often more in the summer time) to take my dogs to the Island. This is the only place in San Diego where my dogs can enjoy a large off leash environment where both they and myself can get exercise. Although, the dog parks around the city are nice for some families they do not work for mine. They are small and tend to cause dog aggression in these areas. Also, I am unable to exercise myself or have the space for my dogs to run. Yes we have a few dog beaches we could go to, but these areas are highly packed with people with no parking and the area is not fenced in. Fiesta Island gives us the safety for my dogs to run freely, go swimming, and just enjoy San Diego as we all should.

Though I know asking your committee to stop all plans for building is not likely, I do ask this, please make sure there is a safe, large, fenced area for families and their pets to still enjoy. It is important too so many people. In these tough times in the world today, it's nice to still have a place we can go to get away from it all and just enjoy the beauty of San Diego without having to leave part of our family in our backyards.

Thank you for listening and taking my concern into account,

Stacy Townsend

Sr. Accounting Analyst

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From: [Maureen Ghioli](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:23:05 PM

Please leave Fiesta Island as it is, a place to take our dogs to walk the beach and play in the water. Do not develop this area. San Diego residents love their dogs, keep it one of the most dog friendly cities in America!!

Sincerely,

Maureen Ghioli

From: [Leela Wigglesworth](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:00:02 AM

To the Planning Committee, City of San Diego,

I am writing in support of Option B in re: to the Mission Bay Park/Fiesta Island Amendment. As someone who has enjoyed the wonderful benefits of this amazing area for over 14 years on an almost daily basis, I am concerned about the environmental impact of additional roads and fences, not to mention the additional damage an Amphitheater will cause.

This area is loved and appreciated not only by the locals for the most amazing dog park ever!!, the running, biking, horseback riding, boating, campfires, kite-flying, picnicking, the beautiful precious nature, and the best spot for dates!- just to name a few- but also by the visitors that I have proudly expounded to on the wonders of this area.

Over the years I've work with hundreds of groups visiting San Diego, and the thing they are most in awe of is not our buildings, structures, and Amphitheaters, but our amazing parks and recreational areas, and our care and concern for all the wonders of nature this area nurtures.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park area holds the highest ratings in the country for Top/Best dog parks, which helps makes this area of San Diego even more coveted.

It's my opinion it should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible.

Let's continue to amaze the world by how progressive and consciousness San Diego can be-
VOTE FOR OPTION B!

In gratitude,

*Joyfully,
Leela*

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From: [Kim Sturmer](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:10:11 PM

Dear Planners, we support Option B for Fiesta Island that will provide a fenced, off-leash area for dogs and dog owners. There is no reason to consider Option A. Providing additional grassy areas similar to other portions of Mission Bay Park is water intensive and not necessary.

Thank you, Mr. Kim Sturmer

From: [Douglas Dawn](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line.
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:17:50 AM

Hello,

As a long time San Diego Resident and a frequent user of Mission Bay and Fiesta Island, I would like to say that I support Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. I live off Clairemont Dr and I use the bay frequently, I take my dogs down to the dog park on Fiesta Island almost every day. This is an important issue to me and I hope to see the area protected. It is a huge resource for dog owners in this city.

Thank you,

Dawn Douglas

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Together we can grow our BRAINS!!!!

From: [Demo, Berta R.](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:30:30 PM

I vote Options B:

"Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I would like to see Fiesta Island stay the way it has for public use and an area where people can take their animals and enjoy this local island.

Part of the beauty is un divided open, relaxing, tranquil location, non developed.

We frequent the island and see familiar faces and always enjoy the outdoors.

92019

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From: [Bella Garcia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:43:42 PM
Attachments: [image1.png](#)
[image2.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

My dogs and I have been enjoying Fiesta Island every weekend for the past six years. We've spent countless hours running down the shoreline, making new friends and enjoying the fresh outdoors together.

Fiesta Island is a place that we are grateful for every single time we are there. It is imperative that we keep this slice of heaven on earth the way it is and for that reason we support option B of the Fiesta Island Amendment. Dividing it with roads or fences would be devastating for the thousands of dogs (and owners) that deserve to enjoy a piece of their wonderful city just as it is.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bella, Mac, and Chip







From: [Bill Zondorak](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; wmz4010a@gmail.com
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:22:36 PM

I support Option B for Fiesta Island Dog Park. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Bill Zondorak

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From: [Stacy Struhs](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:10:25 PM

I strongly support adopting Option B of this public notice.

I use Fiesta Island dog park almost every single day to exercise my dogs and myself. My male dog has joint trouble which makes running somewhat painful, so swimming in the bay has been a godsend for us and I would be crushed to lose access to the shoreline, or to have any of this beautiful, natural space divided by roads or fences.

I would argue that Option B most clearly upholds the values of the policy notice: *"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement"*.

Thank you for your time,

Stacy Struhs

From: [Norma Little](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:22:18 PM

I am in favor of Option B with regard to the changes proposed for Fiesta Island. For at least 10 years now my husband, I and our good dogs Bandit (who died 4 years ago) and now Comet, have visited Fiesta Island weekly. We stay within the fenced area for unleashed dogs. It is the best exercise Comet gets all week (although he gets daily walks on the leash) because he can run, explore, hunt and sniff with nearly complete freedom.

If a road and fences are built in this area, dog owners would need to leash the dogs, at least for a while, and that would certainly change the experience and endanger the dogs. We spend about 40 minutes walking the loop from the parking lot, first next to the western part of the bay, then onto the path next to the nesting tern area, next east along the bay across from Sea World, then west by the bay for skiers and back up to the parking lot. It is good exercise for all of us, always enjoyable, and that path is used more than many other coastal areas in San Diego, not only on weekends but weekdays as well. This area should not be down-sized!

Why change it? It works for so many people and no money need be spent on this part of the island.

The center part of Fiesta Island could be landscaped and developed without affecting the beach zones which are used in so many ways. I don't park my car and set up my picnic on the beach, but lots of people do, and they clearly love doing it. People with horses bring their trailers and ride the horses in the shallow bay water -- another great use. None of these activities should be eliminated!

Our dogs have never been affected by fox tails -- which can never be completely eradicated. When flowers and weeds are mowed, we have noticed the resulting elimination of meadow larks which we used to hear every time we visited. We would like to hear the meadow larks again!

Sincerely,
Norma Little
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From: [Charlie Compuesto](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:01:20 PM

Please leave fiesta island dog park as it is. Please manage the foxtails. Leave a place for dog owners to enjoy time with their dog friends in peace.

Thank you,
Charlie Compuesto

From: [Mariana De Lucca](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:38:15 PM

Hello,

My name is Mariana and I live in the zip code 92111. My dog Archer and I regularly go to Fiesta Island off leash park and this activity has had a very positive effect on his behavior. Fiesta Island gave him the opportunity to socialize with dogs and become more social with people as well, despite being a rescue dog that has gone through a lot of abuse. Having this park for us and our dogs is one of the best things about living in San Diego. I support OPTION B because no amphitheater will ever bring as much joy to me and the patrons of this park as seeing our dogs playing does.

Thanks,
Mariana De Lucca
San Diego - Zip code 92111

From: [Thomas Daniels](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:53:11 PM

Pretty Simple: Who needs more roads, and fewer traffic-free, off-leash park options??

NOT SAN DIEGO!!!!!!!!!!!!

I support OPTION B!!

Tom Daniels

From: [Mitch Hill](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:39:42 PM

I support "option B" Per FIDO
Use Dog Area 5 times a week!
Thank You
Mitch Hill
92103

From: [Stefanie O'Sullivan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:36:21 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in Support of Option B regarding Fiesta Island. My family goes to Fiesta Island twice a weekend - once on Saturday and once on Sunday to take our dogs for an off leash work out. We look forward to this time to enjoy each other's company after a long week in the office and away from the ones we love most - each other and our pets.

Having this area to run, play in the water and enjoy the outdoors is truly a benefit to living in this community. There are very few areas in San Diego that dog owners can spend time outside with their companions near the water at any time. Many of the other beaches and parks restrict when a dog can even be present. Fiesta Island allowing dogs at any time, in addition to allowing them off leash is a gift to the residents of this community.

As a San Diego resident and responsible pet owner, I also think this area provides a valuable service for training dogs. Fiesta Island has played an important role in socializing our dogs so they are accustomed to being around "strangers" - both human and canine.

Please strongly consider Option B when you meet on June 8th regarding this matter.

Thank you,
Stefanie O'Sullivan

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From: [Alicia Alvarez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:23:52 PM

Hello, Please support OPTION B for Fiesta Island. "Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

This area is so vital to my love of San Diego and for my Pets wellness along with mine. We walk this entire area (2.5 miles on the FitBit) every day before or after work and start our weekend mornings at the park. Sometimes eagerly waiting on the side of the road at 9am if it is closed for a morning race.

My dogs, Ginger a toy poodle and Jersey a Lab mix are 12 years old but still act like puppies chasing birds and other dogs thanks to this freedom and exercise they get.

I see so many new puppies and foster dogs getting new homes here and am relieved for their socialization as they make better San Diego dogs with proper behavior and socialization.

There is no dog park in San Diego that offers this kind of space that is unique to our dog friendly county. I meet fellow community from all around the county who I get to stop and talk to! And there is a respect of accountability that you do not find at other areas such as the beaches.

This area is so important to maintain! The health and wellness of all of us are impacted, along with no fear of my pup getting hit by a car.

Please save Fiesta as an off-leash large area that is not divided!

Regards,

Alicia Alvarez | National Account Manager
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From: [Karen Rennick](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: nfo@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:28:21 PM

I am writing to request that the planning commission please support option B, and preserve the Fiesta Island Off-leash dog park as is. I live in the 91941 zip code and I use the park at least once a week. I have brought several San Diego residents there for their first time, and all agree that to have a place where both humans and dogs can get outdoor exercise is extremely valuable. This is one of the very best attractions that San Diego has to offer, and if we were to lose this park, I feel that would be a tragedy.

--

Karen Rennick
9798 Marky Way
La Mesa, CA 91941

From: [Kari Lucas](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:59:08 AM

I support Option B for Fiesta Island.

My dog lives in a condo with no yard at Sail/Mission Bay. It is important to his quality of life that my dog has access to a large, contiguous, leash free space. He needs to run at full speed to stretch his muscles, ligaments and joints. He needs a place to be a dog, unhampered by restraints.

It is hugely important to me to control Foxtails. Foxtails can cause serious damage and pain to dogs.

Thank you,

Kari Lucas

92109

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Tim J. Pyle](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 10:31:19 PM

To San Diego City Planning Committee

I am writing in support of "Option B" that would keep the Fiesta Island Dog Park area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I use this area weekly to walk my Dog Max. **My access to the Mission Bay Shoreline is important and leaving this area intact** the way it is with the possibility of clearing the wild vegetation. **I strongly oppose any plans to divide this area with a a road, fences, or an amphitheater.**

Sincerely

Tim J. Pyle

San Diego Resident since 1978 & Fiesta Island Dog Park Supporter

From: [Josh Woertz](mailto:Josh.Woertz@planning.ceqa.org)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@fidosa.org)
Cc: info@fidosa.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 1:19:58 PM

Hello -

Please allow this email to represent my support as a citizen for Option B in regards to Fiesta Island.

I live in Pacific Beach on 5051 La Jolla Blvd 92109 and visit the dog park at Fiesta Island with my wife and our two dogs every Saturday. Dividing the dog park with a road would seriously negatively affect the aesthetics and flow of the dog park.

This place is the only area we know of where our dogs can be off-leash, and walk around a wide area that is fenced in, and get some exercise, without just walking around in a short circle like many other dog parks. In fact, it's one of the only off-leash areas nearby that we can be with our dogs.

It is important exercise for us as well - we usually get at least 5,000 steps in at the dog park.

In fact, we don't take our dogs to any other park except Fiesta Island, and if an option were to pass that would significantly change how the park currently is - whether that means it is divided by a road, or the area made smaller - I am not sure where we would take our dogs every week.

I proposed to my wife at this dog park, and we visit it weekly, and it is a huge part of our life and our dogs' lives. Altering Fiesta Island to make it just like every other area of Mission Beach would negatively affect the lives of us, our dogs, and other users of the dog park.

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Thanks,

Josh Woertz
c. 858-373-7298
jowoertz@gmail.com

From: [Brienne Urtnowski](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 7:12:14 PM

Oh come on, Please support Option B!!! Every week end we are down there with so many other people enjoying nature and the dogs running. There are so few areas left unless you go out in the country way out in the trails, where snakes prevail and are dangerous. So many people enjoy this park of the island. The other uses you may have for the island are everywhere--parks, playgrounds,etc.
thanks for reading this and please help us enjoy something we have had for years. It just won't be the same.

From: [Amy Rector](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:59:00 PM

I am writing to place my support for FIDO's option B. My family loves FIDO. It is a great park where I can take the dog and my daughter and we all get exercise. It is our favorite dog park in San Diego. One of the best parts of San Diego is that it is a big city with a small town feel. A city where you don't have to go far to find a place that you can walk or run with your dog off leash. I would love to see Fiesta Island left just how it is. Not every piece of open land has to be developed. I fear that San Diego is going the way that every other big city has gone. We are America's Finest City for a reason, I believe one of these reasons is that we have so many natural recreational areas within the city limits. And we have the #1 Dog Park in the nation . . . FIDO.

Thank you,

Amy Rector
92107

From: [Jesus Fernandez](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment."
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 3:26:46 PM

Please keep the park "Option B" for Fiesta Island (FIDO's Plan),

Thank you

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Jesus Fernandez
786-222-5073

From: [Lonni Ruskin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:25:24 PM

I love taking my dog to Fiesta Island. We live in El Cajon, 92020, and it is worth the trip to take her and have an enjoyable day off leash at the bay. It is a great area to exercise my dog and get exercise myself. When ever my family comes to town from Northern California, they always want to go visit Fiesta Island.

We definitely support Option B. We would like to keep Fiesta Island as is, as much as possible. Humans and animals alike enjoy the natural setting, without much traffic and noise. We would also like to see mowing of the foxtails done more often. These are extremely dangerous. Please adopt Option B. When I look at my friends Facebook pages, I always see post of them with their families and dogs enjoying Fiesta Island. It is a highlight of San Diego. Please do not change that!

Lonni Ruksin
2037 Flying Hills Ct.
El Cajon, CA 92020

From: [Dianne Nicholas](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 4:04:32 PM

I am in favor of OPTION B for the dog park.

From: [Aquarian](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:22:02 PM

Hello City Officials,

I SUPPORT OPTION B - there are so many benefits in keeping this area for us taxpayers and our canine companions I will name just a few.

The power of exercising with likeminded people with our canine and equine friends is healing, inspiring and motivating.

I use the current off-leash fenced area in Fiesta Island every weekend and occasionally once during the week if my busy work schedule permits. We need more places in the City of San Diego that offers it's residents a retreat, a place to unwind and connect with their dog(s), friends, acquaintances and tourists looking for a place to just be!

As a San Diego resident for 34 years and home owner for the last 17 years and taxpayer to the local economy, I need to have this area as is. I SUPPORT OPTION B!

Please do what is right by you, your neighbors, constituents and your canine friends.....VOTE TO SUPPORT OPTION B!

In advance thank you for your time, consideration and support of a long time resident and taxpayer of the City of San Diego.

With gratitude,
Connie Chovan
92123

From: [GRANT REYNOLDS](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 2:31:02 PM

Gentlemen,

I wish to have the following input placed into your record regarding the current "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment"

My name is Grant Reynolds. I was born and raised in San Diego, having lived on Crown Point, attending Crown Point Elementary School, Pacific Beach Junior High and graduated from Mission Bay High School in 1960. I will be 75 this November..

From around the age of six, I had the pleasure of enjoying Mission Bay as a salt marsh. The wetlands were something to behold then. In the 50s the City destroyed the wetlands and placed the dredged material in locations such as Fiesta Island. Provisions to manage the various colonies of Least Terns required the City to set aside the Northern part of the Island for nesting.

I now live in a home overlooking Mission Bay Park. Every year I have watched the City spend money on Least Tern habitat, which is a total waste of taxpayer funds. The Tern population has dwindled to the point of extinction due to the total failure of the City to manage the area properly. Rather than scrape the ground and treat it with herbicide every year, the City should build a series of moats and flood the area with sea water, thereby destroying the non-native terrestrial vegetation that reappears with the spring rains.

Simply put, Least Terns do not nest where any vegetation exists because they and their eggs are easily seen from above by predators. Unless the management plan is changed they will in fact become extinct.

The Least Tern is a Federally protected species. The Least Tern is a part of the public trust, which the City is obliged to protect. Unless the Fiesta Island Master Plan includes a Least Tern management plan that restores the birds' population as part of the current Master Plan, the City can be held accountable for its failure to preserve the Least Tern population in the areas that have been set aside for their preservation.

Bear in mind that all citizens of the state are beneficiaries of the public trust. In the event the trustee cannot or is unable to protect the property of the trust, such as the Fiesta Island Least Tern population, then members of the public as beneficiaries of the public trust have standing to bring a legal action against the parties responsible for the harm visited upon public trust property such as the Least Tern.

This includes any citizen of the state of California. Please bear this in mind as you put your plan together. If you would like to discuss this further you may contact me at this email address.

Respectfully yours,

Grant Reynolds

2412 Galveston Street
San Diego, CA 92110

(714) 270-6539

From: [Julie Graff](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Ammendment"
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 9:48:51 AM

Option B!

Don't ruin this beautiful land that's crucial for people, owners and dogs.

We go to Fiesta Island leash free dog park every day. The land is untouched and irreplaceable for people and dogs who enjoy the outdoors. Not only is this place for recreation, it's also a great way to stay in shape. No to option A.

Yes to FIDO option B!

Julie Graff
1535 Glenwood Dr
SD, CA 92103

From: [Sherry Schurmeier](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Bay park master plan update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 4:06:57 PM

We have lived in San Diego for 32 years and have always loved taking our dogs to Fiesta island where they can run and swim off leash. Please support option B!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Karen Tremain](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Changes to Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:56:41 PM

Dear Ms. Malone,

Based on the plans that we reviewed at Mission Bay High School on May 23, 2017, we have two areas of concern: The dog park area and the primitive camping.

The dog park area we are concerned with Option A and the boat ramp and road being placed within an off-leash dog park area. What makes the current dog park special is there are no roads or any concern regarding our dogs and exposure to high speed vehicles. Moreover, there is a boat ramp across the bay, why do we need another boat ramp? If you want to deter the environmental impact, why can't people use the boat ramps all ready available to them and they are relatively close to the bay?

We are further concerned about other populations using the dog park area for exercising such as joggers and cyclists. Some dogs react very negatively toward joggers and cyclists, which further increases safety concerns for both humans and canines.

The primitive camping area discussed has several concerns including campfires, which increases the risk of wildfires. Another concern is the type of campers who will utilize the camping area. We have all ready seen homeless people camping out in the center of Fiesta Island. By opening up a primitive campground, we fear these homeless people will increase the environmental impact due to throwing and leaving trash, substance use, unauthorized campfires, and are also known have unhealthy toileting skills. I work with this population and know of the safety concerns and environment health risks they impose on the area. In order to maintain this population, the taxpayers will incur a large cost in order to increase the number of persons patrolling the area and maintain safety and cleanliness for all who utilize Fiesta Island in a positive manner.

In addition, once the changes to Fiesta Island have been made, we find it becomes very hard to undo undesirable changes. It may take a few years to make the changes but it may take ten years to reverse the damage. In the short term, there is no reversing any environmental impact these changes will have especially those that are man-made such as the boat ramp, road, and campground.

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration as we are against Option A and would

prefer to leave Fiesta Island dog park area as a safe place to take our dogs without outside influence.

Sincerely,

John and Karen Tremain

From: [Frank Landis](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [JJR JJR](#); [Rebecca Schwartz](#); [Jim Peugh](#)
Subject: CNPSSD reponse to Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:23:01 PM
Attachments: [CNPSSD comments on Fiesta Island NOP 20170608.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Malone,

Please see the attached response to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

Please let me know if you received this and are able to open the attachment. Please also keep all of us (including the emails cc'ed) on the email list to receive all updates on this project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Landis,
Conservation Chair
CNPSSD

From: [Duarte, Dolores@Wildlife](mailto:Duarte.Dolores@Wildlife)
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: [Fluharty, Marilyn@Wildlife](mailto:Fluharty.Marilyn@Wildlife); [Weiss, Eric@Wildlife](mailto:Weiss.Eric@Wildlife); [Sevrens, Gail@Wildlife](mailto:Sevrens.Gail@Wildlife); [Paznokas, William@Wildlife](mailto:Paznokas.William@Wildlife); ["state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov"](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov); [Esguerra, Margarita@Wildlife](mailto:Esguerra.Margarita@Wildlife); [Adams, Loni@Wildlife](mailto:Adams.Loni@Wildlife)
Subject: Copy of comment letter Re-Mission Bay Park-Fiesta Island MasterPlan Update-Amendment-SCH2017051034
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:11:36 PM
Attachments: [pdf Mission Bay Park-Fiesta Island MasterPlan Update.pdf](#)

Ms. Malone,

Please see attached copy for your records. Original will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Weiss at (858) 467-4289.

Thank you!

Dolores Duarte

Executive Secretary

South Coast Region 5

CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, CA 92123

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From: [Jann Cotter](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Dog freedom
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:29:45 PM

Hello-

Please know our dogs need a bit of freedom for their four legs. Please do not take away the little beach space they have to romp.

Thank you,

Jann Cotter
Vice President of Wine Sales Training
Jackson Family Wines
Cell: 858-204-3002
Sent from my iPad

From: [Barbara Greenwood](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fido Option B
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 12:55:56 PM

There isn't any question, OPTION B.

Option B is the only safe plan for people and dogs.

Thank you,

Barbara Greenwood
greenwood3352@att.net

From: [Richard Brune](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fido Plan B
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:42:47 AM

I would like to express my support for Option B for the Fiesta Island Dog park .
Sincerely, Richard Brune

From: [Vicki](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island- Please : option B - Fido Plan
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:56:30 PM

Please, Option B, Fido Plan!

Please keep the best dog park ever.

Vicki Baker &
Steve Wapnowski

From: [Steven Murphy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:41:05 PM

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

As a resident of San Diego, 92115, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so much a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area. <http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>
Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play, fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted "Best Dog Park in the Nation" in October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!
Steven Murphy

From: [Jillian F.](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:05:57 PM

As a resident of Bay Park, 92110, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and I, including our very active goldendoodle, visit the off-leash dog park at least once a week with friends and family. I have always used Fiesta Island as an alternative to other dog parks because of its spaciousness that allows for our pets to freely roam without feeling congested. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area. <http://bit.ly/2sUaybc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Jillian Hayes

From: [Lauren Kahal](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:37:37 AM

Hello,

I understand that the City is collecting comments on the Fiesta Island Amendment. Please accept this email as a comment in opposition to any development on Fiesta Island that would reduce the size of the off-leash area or bisect it with a road. The park in its existing condition is a very important and cherished recreational resource for dog owners in San Diego. I understand that an EIR will be prepared for the Fiesta Island development plan, and I hope that the EIR will appropriately analyze impacts to recreational resources, identifying the area as the only resource in the vicinity for resident dog owners to enjoy off-leash recreation. By referring to off-leash recreation, I am referring to a space for people to walk, run, and hike with their off-leash dogs rather than simply watch dogs run around a small, fenced-in dog park.

Approximately 30% of San Diego County residents own dogs (see http://www.theanimalcouncil.com/files/NPA_1995SanDiego.pdf for reference). Fiesta Island is the only area within or near the City of San Diego where dog owners can themselves participate in recreation (hiking, walking, running, beach-going/picnicking) alongside their off-leash dog. The only other similar location for off-leash recreation is the Ocean Beach Dog Beach; however, this area does not have the upland recreational opportunity that Fiesta Island provides. It also does not have a large fenced-in portion; Fiesta Island is particularly popular because of the over 90 acres of fenced land and beach area that provides a safe and worry-free area to run around with your dog. Fiesta Island is also unique in that it provides not only beach area, but also protected bay waters for swimming (no strong waves), and upland hiking areas. It is also a social space for dog owners and provides a sense of community to all who use it.

Aside from Ocean Beach Dog Beach, which provides only beach area, all other off-leash areas in the region are smaller upland dog parks where there is no room for the dog owners themselves to also recreate. Reducing the size of the off-leash fenced area in Fiesta Island, bisecting it with a road, or otherwise fragmenting Fiesta Island would be a significant impact on local and regional recreational resources, particularly because there are no other options with similar benefits. Many City of San Diego residents, including myself, see Fiesta Island in its current condition as a major benefit to living in San Diego, and a huge factor in our quality of life.

On a similar note, should Fiesta Island be fragmented or reduced in size, many dog owners who utilize the park would likely begin using the other few dog parks in the region more frequently, such as Ocean Beach Dog Beach or Nate's Dog Park in Balboa Park. Increased use in other dog parks in the region is likely to cause an increased degradation of these parks. The only way to mitigate the reduced utility of Fiesta Island and subsequent overcrowding in other regional dog parks would be to create a new dog park elsewhere. However, there are limited opportunities in the City of San Diego and surrounding areas for a large off-leash area commensurate with the area that Fiesta Island currently provides. Fiesta Island provides over 90 acres of fenced-in, off-leash recreational area, as well as additional hundred of acres on the island that provide additional off-leash areas. I believe that any development, fragmentation, or reduction in the fenced-in, off-leash area of Fiesta Island would be a significant and unavoidable impact.

I trust that the City will make the appropriate decisions to protect San Diegans' quality of life and preserve our recreational resources, and look forward to reviewing the EIR.

Thank you,

Lauren Kahal

949-939-3076
lauren_kahal@yahoo.com
721 Torrance Street

San Diego, CA 92103

From: candis.compton
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Subject: Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:23:45 PM

To: PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

As a resident of San Diego, 92111, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog plays at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

Candis Compton
6339 Caminito del Pastel
San Diego CA 92111

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From: [Peter Holmes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:18:56 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing on behalf of about 20 people that were just talking about this at the dog park in PB. We all treasure Fiesta Island, and any sort of change to reduce the available off-leash area would be a major detriment to the quality of life for each of us, and our pets.

We urgently request that you adopt Option B.

Thank you,
Peter Holmes

From: [L Stice](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island Development
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:14:29 AM

I am contacting you to state that as a voter, I will oppose development of Fiesta Island recreation area. I stand with many voters in opposing option A for the following reasons:

Fiesta Island is the only area of mission bay and coastal areas that is still in its natural state.

Developing this area will further impact the habitat of various wild birds, increase trash and effect the water quality by increasing road traffic and people per square foot.

Fiesta Island provides a rare access to this (albeit man made) natural area.

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

I feel that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. However Option B may also undermine this goal and if there was a way to restrict the number of vehicles and gasoline powered recreational users in the area would be preferable. The number of jet skiers, amount of traffic and all-day RVs has increased and effected the level of noise, pollution and decreased safety.

I and my 2 dogs visit the dog park multiple times per week year round. It is one of the few places that we can hike off leash. We see the same people who visit even more frequently. This area is an important part of many peoples lives with many horse owners who travel from east county with horses to the scape the heat. What makes it preferable to OB dog beach is the size is large enough that dogs do not become territorial or aggressive or you can walk without encountering other dogs frequently. It offers a safe and accessible exercise area for humans, dogs and horses.

If you feel a need to improve the area, add running water to the dog park and add some treatment to control the fox tails which are health hazards. Consider restricting additional car access. Add trees or shrubs to foster the habitat of wild water fowl. Ask yourself and citizens why you need to develop every square inch of coastal area to milk our citizens for further tax dollars.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dorothy Acosta](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island development plan
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:07:01 PM

As a long time resident of San Diego, we have always appreciated the city's designation of Fiesta Island as an off Leash dog park. We support Plan B as the only option for the all dog owners, local and visitors to our wonderful city. Though there are others options across the county, there is no place like Fiesta Island.

Dorothy Acosta

Art Acosta

From: [Matt Risi](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fido.org
Subject: Fiesta Island Development
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 9:37:06 AM

Fiesta Island is a wonderful resource for all of San Diego County. I am a dog owner and walk at the Fiesta island off-leash dog park five days a week. I enjoy walking in the park as much as my dog and have met and made many friends there over the years.

Even though the island is "undeveloped," I am always amazed at the variety of activity I see from horseback riding, water skiing, model rocket clubs and families and friends getting together. Of course, Fiesta Island is a perfect venue for events such as Over-the-Line and the many walks and races that take place there.

The fact that we have this open area in such a beautiful location is a statement by the City of San Diego that we treasure our tradition in California of an active life style with nature. There is no place like it and the addition of roads, amphitheaters, marinas and playgrounds makes Fiesta Island just another piece of the bay waterfront. **I support Option B for Fiesta Island!**

Sincerely,

Matteo Risi
San Diego resident
mmpsd@aol.com

From: [Nansi Jo Colley](mailto:Nansi.Jo.Colley)
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Owner supports Option "B"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:03:43 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to convey how important it is that the fenced area for off-lease exercise at Fiesta Island remain intact without the roads, amphitheater, fences, and other structures that are being planned by the city of San Diego. Please allow Fiesta Island to remain a contiguous park area where all of us, humans and dogs alike, can walk, enjoy the beauty of San Diego and obtain healthy exercise. We are new to the area and have so very much enjoyed our walks in the park. I have a long haired golden retriever and so getting rid of and managing foxtails is critical for our family. Fiesta Island is a precious resource for exercise and recreation for the us. I am requesting that the City Planners please support OPTION B. I am happy to provide additional information if needed. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

With best wishes,
Nansi Colley

From: [Jennifer Lamon](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 4:30:54 PM

Please don't touch the Fiesta Island dog park I love going there and so does my dog. It gives her great space to run and play in a safe enclosed space. I go to the park with my dog and my mom. It's the only quality time we have together. The park is really important in my life. Thank you,
Jennifer Lamon

Sent from my iPhone

From: evlam65@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:29:36 AM

Please leave a large portion of Fiesta Island for the dog park so the dogs can be off leash. The dogs need this off leash exercise and the dog owners need this exercise as well. I go regularly with my daughter and her dog. Sometimes it is the only exercise we get. It is beautiful by the bay and fun for all to see the dogs meeting each other and having fun. Getting rid of the foxtails is also important so the dogs won't be injured.
Evelyn Lamon

From: [Debbie Dusting](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 4:29:26 PM

Since I've retired this dog park has become a very important part of my life. I go down at sunrise with my best friend, Daisy, every morning and together we exercise, socialize, and appreciate the open space this wonderful city has provided us. If we were to lose any part of this it would be such a disservice to thousands of citizens who have their own special connection to this unique park where we all share a special connection to our beloved dogs. USA Today voted this park the #1 dog park in the U.S. please try to understand why we must hold on to it the way it is. I urge you to choose plan B.

Thank You,
Debbie Dusting

From: [Matthew Miliner](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:51:58 PM

Hello,

My fiancé and I are aware you would like to build in the area of Fiesta Island. We strongly urge you to keep the fenced in area an off leash dog park. Many people and canines use this area for means of meditation and enjoyment. It is a place where the dog loving community can join together and allow their animals a social experience.

Thank you for your time.
A F.I.D.O. Member of San Diego

From: [Kelly Sullivan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:43:34 AM

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I support Option B as proposed by the FIDO organization.

Over the years I have always found FI dog park to be a place where all "different" people and dogs have a positive community interaction. My canine enjoys herself immensely being able to have a larger area to run.

Speaking as someone with a M.A. in Applied Exercise Physiology and for decades now supporting /consulting with people to lead healthier lives...I see many people enjoying the health benefits of walking and fresh air.

As an example just last weekend I briefly chatted with a couple (about their dogs) that would fall in the obese category. Still they were getting there walk in and having a lovely time there. And people and dogs can walk in their neighborhoods, yet Fiesta Island offers a unique experience that I feel is very supportive of a healthier San Diego community all around.

Thank You.

Kelly Sullivan

From: [Patrick and Shiela](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:51:04 PM

Please do change the Fiesta Island dog park. We live in a small 1 bedroom condo and on our free time we bring our pups to Fiesta Island dog park. It's great for her and all dogs because has ample amount of space for unleashed exploration and anxiety relief. If size is reduced, it will be harder for our dogs to enjoy the park stress free (she is a smaller dog).

Thanks and please consider our concerns.

Shiela and Patrick

From: [Sam Shasteen](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog park
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:51:08 PM

To Whom This may Concern,

Today I took my dogs to the Fiesta Island Dog beach. To find out that San Diego has a hair brain idea to redevelop this area.

My dogs and I love going to this park. If you must do somethings please choose option B. Option B seems to be the best for everyone.

Thank You

Sam

From: [Carmela Lutz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:09:09 PM

To Whom It Concerns:

I reviewed the two plans for redevelopment of Fiesta Island. Although I believe they both have their own merits, I would like to add my personal and professional opinion as a dog owner and trainer. I have gone to many dog parks and beaches throughout San Diego County and my favorite by far is Fiesta Island.

If I didn't live so far away (Escondido), I would be there at least two to three times a week. From my observations, the vast majority of dogs are friendly and well-behaved and their owners are usually attentive and responsible. The openness, varying terrain, and size make this an ideal place for dogs to exercise, play, and socialize; I believe the lack of aggressive interactions between dogs are due, in part, to these attributes.

When making your decision, please take into consideration those who can't speak for themselves, but who use the park on a regular basis...our four-legged companions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carmela Lutz, CPDT-KA

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From: [Mary Swift](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog park
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:47:41 AM

I'm writing in support of the fenced area on Fiesta Island being officially designated on City Plans as an off-leash dog park.

This dog park is a fabulous resource for me and many of my dog owner friends and acquaintances.

My understanding is that there are currently two options under consideration for the location and I fully support Option B which would keep the current leash free area intact

THanks you

Mary Swift
Clairemont Mesa

From: fredmona@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:49:07 AM

Dear Planning Commission,

Good afternoon. I have lived in San Diego most of my 59 years. Fiesta Island has always been a special place...No buildings, no traffic, very natural..so sad to think it might change. People and animals love it there. My family has been taking our dogs there for years. Please we don't want any growth there. Keep it natural. Its a special place.

If growth is inevitable, please keep the dog park. Its exercise for humans and animals...bikers, runners, families...all enjoy our little peace of unscathed heaven...really, don't need another hotel, another music venue, another manicured park.

Thank you,

Mona Sagerian

From: stefanosd@earthlink.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 7:24:10 PM

As an active city voter, I urge you
to adopt option B.
LEAVE THE DOG PARK AREA AS
IS !!
IT IS UNIQUE AND UNSPOILED !!!

Sent from my Sprint Phone.

From: [Matthew St. Lawrence](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island dog park
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:19:06 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please take this email as evidence of my support as a citizen for Option B in regards to improvements to be made at Fiesta Island.

I live in San Diego on [3767 Florida Street](#) 92104 and visit the dog park at Fiesta Island at least once a week if not more often. Dividing the dog park with a road would seriously and negatively affect the aesthetics and flow of the dog park. Not to mention the safety of the animals.

This is the only place in the area where our dogs can be off-leash, while fenced in, allowing for exercise in a safe environment. In comparison to other dog parks available where exercise is just walking around in a short circle if at all. The large environment presents a more natural social interaction without dogs crammed on top of each other, reducing the potential for negative interactions and stress for the animals.

Additionally It is important exercise for us as well - we usually get at least 3 miles walking the dog park. On our visits we see runners, bikers, people on horseback and more, providing a location for San Diego locals and tourists to be active outside and to do so in ways not available at other parks.

My family does not take our dogs to any other park except Fiesta Island, and if an option were to pass that would significantly change how the park currently is I am not sure where we would take our dogs every week.

I hope you take these things into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Matthew St. Lawrence
(972) 730-1848

StLawrenceMatt@gmail.com

From: tiscareno512@roadrunner.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Run
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:10:30 PM

HI, just wanted to share some of our comments regarding the future planned of dividing it with fences, roads and converting other businesses there. My husband, I and our 4 dogs go there 2 to 3 times per year because we leave 2 hours away from there but if we were locally located we would be there more often. Unfortunately, we don't have many pleasures of large open spaces where we can both (dogs and owners) enjoy some exercise and let our dogs also be free and run around. I support FIDO Option B because it is environmentally friendly and plus it is millions of dollars cheaper to implement. PLEASE HELP IN PRESERVING OUR FIESTA ISLAND FIDO PARK.

Thank you!!

From: tiscareno512@roadrunner.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Dog Run
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:46:32 PM

HI, just wanted to share some of our comments regarding the future planned of dividing it with fences, roads and converting other businesses there. My husband, I and our 4 dogs go there 2 to 3 times per year because we leave 2 hours away from there but if we were locally located we would be there more often. Unfortunately, we don't have many pleasures of large open spaces where we can both (dogs and owners) enjoy some exercise and let our dogs also be free and run around. I support FIDO Option B because it is environmentally friendly and plus it is millions of dollars cheaper to implement. PLEASE HELP IN PRESERVING OUR FIESTA ISLAND FIDO PARK.

Thank you!!

From: [Jane Reldan, M.D.](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island dogs off leash area
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:53:40 PM

Keep it as it is. It's working!

Jane Reldan, MD
jreldan@san.rr.com
858.349.0613

From: [Peter Wochnowski](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Master Plan
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:41:13 AM

Dear Sir or Madam

Please choose option B. Our Family visits Fiesta Island 3 times a week.? We love the natural appearance and the free roaming dog areas. It is a great escape from city life. Please develop Fiesta Island as little as possible.

Thank you

Take care

Peter Wochnowski
Bay Park

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laura West](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Off Leash Dog Park
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:01:51 PM

To whom it may concern,

I vote for option B! I have to two dogs and fiesta island is the best park we can take our dogs to.

Thanks,
Laura West

From: [Carrie Kirtz](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Option B please
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:50:27 PM

Hello,

I have lived in the Mission Bay area for about 14 years and have owned a house in Crown Point the last 5. I have enjoyed Fiesta Island just as it is throughout that time and I know many others have as well. Whether it's paddleboarding, campfires, or walks with my dog, Buddy, Fiesta is my sanctuary. In my opinion, I think it's terrific the way it is, but if you intend to change it please go with Option B and leave the partially fenced in area for off leash dogs intact. I think in the long run this is the wisest choice, both for the dogs and the birds who nest.

Thank you for your oversight,
Carrie Kirtz
1963 Fortuna ave
92109

Sent from my iPad

From: [Gerry Soifer](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island options
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:04:40 PM

Dear Planning Board,

We know you are overwhelmed with comments so I will keep this short, my wife and I have lived in San Diego for 38 years and we support option B for the future of Fiesta Island.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Gerry Soifer and Nancy Bushnell

From: [john burgess](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Plan B Supporter
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 4:41:29 PM

Hi,

My name is John Burgess. I'm a Gulf War Veteran coping with with PTSD. I love Fiesta Island just the way it is. Open space is in great demand in San Diego and we can't afford to cover anything else with concrete. Please leave this area as is for all dog lovers to enjoy.

Thanks!

John Burgess and Shelby

2648 Juan st
San Diego, CA.
92110
503-756-3353

From: [land foster](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island plans
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:14:55 AM

Fiesta Island should not be changed to accommodate more development. The openness of the Island brings walkers and joggers, family day campers, water sports activities, fishermen and the experience of "quiet" along the bay. These activities are extraordinary and invaluable. Fiesta Island is the only place in our county that doesn't highly restrict these activities with our pets. I have bragged about San Diego's dog park at Fiesta Island. It is the other "jewel" we are proud of. Please don't spoil what so many of us love and care about.

Cheryl Foster
5995 Cirrus
San Diego, CA 92110
Sent from my iPhone

From: [jswink1](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island Scoping Comments
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:37:38 AM

Good morning. I have a preliminary comment about the content of http://fiestastrandamendment.com/?page_id=314.

The second paragraph refers to the 2007 GDP - the 2007 version predates and was superseded by a modified plan voted on and recommended for approval by the Mission Bay Park Committee in December 2010.

My comment for the NOP is that it must include evaluation of issues relating to ADA and General Public Access between Option A and Option B, with particular attention to these issues for the southwest sector of Fiesta Island in Option B.

I would also like to see discussion of the possible impacts of displacing the Paddling facility, storage and launch area from the southwest sector as shown for Option B to an off-island location, specifically to the area adjacent to the boat ramp at South Shores where there will be substantially less security for the paddlers' vessels and equipment.

The boat ramp, as I understand it, is unnecessary for launching the Dragon Boats, Outrigger Canoes and any other "paddling" vessels which may be included in such an area. The proposed sand beach at the south end of the Fiesta Island sector is sufficient for launching purposes and a secure area for these users, who have never had a permanent, secure site in Mission Bay Park, unlike ZLAC, Mission Bay Yacht Club and the hotels have for associated boats and equipment.

Judith A. Swink
2289 Caminito Pasada 106
San Diego CA 92107
619-224-3275

From: [Cheryl Landi](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island unleashed dog area
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:50:01 PM

Dear sir or madam: I would strongly urge you to adopt Plan B as an alternative plan as proposed by FIDO. I am a lifetime resident of San Diego. Over the years I have taken all my dogs to Fiesta Island, especially since it was fenced off and is safe for them to roam free. They are so happy to chase balls and take a very long walk and play in the water. I have noticed also how happy everyone is being there with their dogs. It's a great place to exercise for all and as a retired person, to socialize briefly with the people I meet. This is why it was voted the number 1 unleashed dog area in the entire country. It's because it really gives dog and owner a truly great and large area for both to roam free. I do not want my tax dollars to fix something that is not broken. This area should be left as is. Please listen to the dog owners. They don't want change, they don't want the area gutted to make way for roads, playgrounds etc. we have Mission Bay for that. I do not want the park divided into large and small dog parks. Both owners and dogs are bored at those. I have both a 7 pound dog and a lab. Both love the area equally. This area is very special to people and their dogs. Please leave it in its natural state for us to enjoy it just the way it is. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Cheryl R. Landi, 4814 Mount Saint Helens Drive, San Diego 92117

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kim Schoettle](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Tom Schoettle](#)
Subject: Fiesta island
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:26:54 PM

I would like to express my support for maintaining fiesta island as it is, with natural large open space areas. I also support fencing off a larger area for shorebirds during nesting season, inaccessible by dogs.

Thank you,
Kim schoettle

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shereeliz Caldwell](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:46:28 PM

My pet friends and I support Option B. Thank you. S. Caldwell, 92101

From: gapeachnsd@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:45:48 AM

I urge you to keep the Fiesta Dog Park as is. San Diego is a dog loving community and is recognized as such. The dog park is valuable to our community and our dogs.

Thank you

Jan Hodgson
4001 Anastasia St
San Diego CA 92111
619-993-7926

From: [Katie Lichtenstein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 6:12:01 PM

I am writing to request the committee vote to preserve the open landscape of the off leash are of fiesta island and vote for plan A. It is important to maintain open areas, free of additional construction, landscaping, and development. The more natural habitat is more environmentally friendly and more easily maintained. It is also more economical. Fiesta island is the only place of its kind in San Diego and is a beloved part of our community as is. Please do not construct and develop it.

Sincerely,

Katie Lichtenstein
3644 Paul Jones Ave

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carolyn Moser](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:24:14 PM

I support option B for Fiesta Island. This is a very special place for me in San Diego. I take friends there when they are visiting from out of town. The wide open space right here in the city is a treasure! It's a beautiful place to get away from it all. We need to protect and preserve natural open spaces for healthy walks and freeing our minds. I tell my kids that they are so lucky to be able to go for walks here with our pets - please keep it for all to enjoy now and into the future.

Carolyn Moser

From: [Alicia Fagan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:02:34 AM

We are homeowners, healthcare providers and grateful citizens of San Diego. We urge you to support Option B regarding Fiesta Island.

Southern California is teeming with development. San Diego is of course no exception. Our noise and light pollution levels are high, and we are far too car centric. Many sit in traffic at a standstill for long periods commuting to work. It's not a healthy environment despite our weather and natural beauty. People long for a healthful respite.

This place is a quiet refuge in the city for many of us - particularly those with dogs.

We need more urban open spaces in which to walk and enjoy nature in this city, not fewer. There is nowhere else to enjoy this in the immediate area and it is a treasure. It promotes community and conversations, walking and contemplation. It is a tonic and a balm.

Balboa park, while lovely, is highly developed, has freeways running through it and is often noisy. It is certainly not the alternative.

Please help keep San Diego liveable and healthier and vote to keep and expand the wild and off leash area of Fiesta Island. It is part of what makes this city great.

Thank you.

Alicia Fagan, RN and Kathryn Yung, MD
4735 Panorama Drive
San Diego 92116

From: [Margaret Thomas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:16:38 PM

The number of citizens who regularly use Fiesta Island will be denied open space for dogs, jet skis, fishing, barbecues, campfires, and over-the-line tournaments played by children, teens, and adults. All for the sake more development. Open space is far too precious to give up for tourist developments that will use our limited resources (water, road use/wear and tear) without providing beach access and sand space in kind. This area serves the citizens of San Diego and San Diego county. Please preserve it as such.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Ekstein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:01:48 PM

Fiesta Island currently home to five species of plants that CA has labeled "sensitive" as well as valuable Least Tern nesting sites that would be disturbed by more noise and road traffic as proposed by the Option A plan. Please preserve open spaces such as Option B. Option A more than likely infringe on this valuable and limited resource. I would rather have some of this area be converted to a functioning wetland to help the Mission Bay water quality than to add more development.

As far as the Environmental Impact I would like to know the impact of Option A proposal will have on noise, air, land and water pollution by building an additional road on the small island. I support Option B only as I have not seen an evidence of an EIA.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ekstein

From: [nelson_alexandre](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: FIESTA ISLAND
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:44:21 PM

Hi my name is Nelson Alexandre and my girlfriend and i moved here in september with our amazing dog odie. I tell my family one of my favorite parts of san diego is that my girlfriend and my dog both smile everytime their feet (or paws) touch the sand. Fiesta is such a special place to us, odie loves to run wild and see her puppy friends and my girlfriend is an avid runner and runs the island often. We use it a few times a week and love how family friendly it is and how you can always find parking.

Fiesta Island is such a special place, there are no other areas like it left in the area and it means so so so much to so many people and dogs in the community. We can't say the word "fiesta" or she will go crazy, thats how much it means to her. San diego is fantastic!! Please consider keeping fiesta as amazing as the city is.

Thanks,

Nelson Alexandre

From: [Tom Schoettle](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:39:25 PM

I support maintaining or expanding the off leash areas of fiesta island. The natural large open spaces are critical to pets and their owners. This is the only expansive area in San Diego for dogs and owners to hike, bike, run, and walk off leash. This is invaluable to pet owners and should not be reduced because it would leave nothing of its kind for pets and their owners. All urban communities need a variety of natural open spaces to maintain livability, and Fiesta Island is a valuable treasure that serves this purpose for pets and their owners in San Diego.

Thank you,

Tom Schoettle

From: [Ursula Kurrus](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:13:39 PM

Option B
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shae Moseley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:01:30 PM

Good Afternoon,

I am writing you to voice my support for FIDO's Option B for Fiesta Island. I oppose any development that would alter the current state of this open space and off-leash dog park. San Diego is a dog town. This open space is part of our identity and very special to dog-owners. Development is important, but this is one place in San Diego that absolutely should not be altered.

Thank you,

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-Shae Moseley-
619-540-0964

From: [Whalen](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); [FiestaIsland_DogOwners](#)
Subject: fiesta island
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:16:03 PM

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A.

I use Fiesta Island off-leash area several times a month and access to the shoreline there is very important resource for the dogs. The size is beneficial since it gives the many dogs lots of room and reduces tensions between dogs, which I rarely see there. Please do not divide it with a road , fences, or an amphitheatre. It would be healthier to have more bathrooms and reduce the foxtails. Support **adopting Option B** as soon as possible.

John Whalen

From: sharon.shufelt@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:46:31 PM

I support option B.
Please consider my vote.
Please excuse any errors. Sent from my iPhone
Sharon

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kris Moore](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:53:50 PM

I forgot to include my zip code when begging you not to destroy the nature that ha become Fiesta Island. 92110

Kris Hodson Moore

From: [Doris Telles](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:51:13 AM

I support Option B of the new possible plans for Fiesta Island. As a pet owner it is very important to me to have an area for pets and their owners where they both can run free.

Doris P. Telles

From: [Elena Salsitz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fiesta Island/Mission Bay Master Plan: Leave Off-Leash Area AS IS -- NO ROAD GOING THRU
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:21:55 PM

We support Option B regarding the proposed changes & development.

We are long-time frequent visitors to the leash free dog areas on Fiesta Island. The beach, the waters of the bay, and the large expanse of fenced-in space provide a beautiful and safe area for people and dogs to enjoy this wonderful space, safely isolated from roads and traffic.

Please do not run a new road through the fenced in dog park.

Fiesta Island is one of the jewels of our City. It is one of the most unique and wonderful elements, recognized by SD citizens and visitors alike, of a city that rightfully prides itself on its dog-friendliness.

Thank you for your consideration of the needs of a great many San Diegans, both two-legged and four-legged.

Elena Salsitz

From: brian.campbell
To: info@FIDOSD.org; [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: First island amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 1:07:22 PM

Hello

I have two schnauzers that love the San Diego out doors. My two wonderful friendly puppies would love a big off leash area. That me my daughter and our two puppies would have great family memories . For years too come.
Amphitheatre would cause parking issues and high cost in maintaining it.

Thank you for your time

Brian campbell

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Brian Campbell
briancampbel@gmail.com

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

From: [Rick Vancisin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Heidi Vancisin](#)
Subject: FW: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:08:29 PM

I would like to register my support for Option B regarding the Fiesta Island Planning. We have 2 dogs and, being relatively new to San Diego, have found only limited locations to let dogs run off leash. Fiesta Island and its current configuration is a great place for off leash exercise and we use it often! Preserving this location for dogs and dog owners is extremely important to me. Having moved here from the Boston area, where off leash dog options were much more plentiful, we have found Fiesta Island to be one of the few locations that are ideally suited for this and think that it is critical that San Diego retain this uniquely well suited area for outdoor dog and dog owners' use.

Thanks for your consideration.

Rick Vancisin

From: [Yuki Komori](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fw: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:56:57 PM

On Wednesday, 7 June 2017, 16:52, Yuki Komori wrote:

I submit to support Option B for protecting Off - Leash Area remains similar as current area.
We are visiting the Off -Leash Are once or twice a week with our dog last 7 years, can't give up this area.

Very Best Regards,
Dog Owner lives in ZIP CODE 92124

From: [Courtney DiCerbo](#)
To: info@fidisd.org; [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Fwd: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:52:42 AM

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From: Courtney DiCerbo <criggsrn@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 10:50 AM
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
To: <PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov>, indo@fidisd.org <indo@fidisd.org>

To whom it may concern

I am a resident of San Diego and am emailing to voice my support for option B in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan in order to keep and increase the fenced in dog park area. This area is my families all time favorite part of San Diego as we have a rescue dog who is part of our family. We go to fiesta at least twice a week and almost every day in the summer in order to spend time together as a family, get exercise and spend time with other members of our community we have met there. It is such a special place and there is nothing else like it I have ever experienced. I can not imagine if this was taken away or decreased in size. It would have a profound impact on our community and I truly think the best decision would be to keep and increase the size of the fenced in area so more families could enjoy this space.

I understand that San Diego is growing but keeping open space for community activities is vital and my hope is that those making this decision will see that. Thank you

-Courtney DiCerbo
92109

From: irene.gossett
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Subject: Fwd: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:46:23 PM

Please consider all the dogs and dog lovers that want the park , Fiesta Island intact. What the worlds need now is more open spaces.

Thank you, Irene Gossett.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melisa Moriarty <mmoe37@me.com>
Subject: Fwd: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: May 15, 2017 at 2:30:51 PM PDT
To: Jacqueline Gervais <jac@phestan.com>, Fay Harris <fay719@sbcglobal.net>, Charles and Hilary Cramer Charles Cramer <hgcramer@yahoo.com>, Marie Hudspeth <mkh9hud@gmail.com>, LaVonne Misner <lavonnemisner@gmail.com>, Cindy Bassuk <Jonquil808@aol.com>, Susan Bond <price1@san.rr.com>, Beth Sherman <beth_s@cox.net>, Kathy Baird <kbaird@westendservices.com>, Kathy Louv <kathyfredericklouv@me.com>
Cc: Joella Cunnington <TheUncommonCanine@cox.net>, Irene Gassett <irenegos@aol.com>, Nikos Gurfiely & Arleen Lim <nikos.arleen@gmail.com>

Dear Friends: If you write, and I urge you to do so, please make certain that you put "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment" in the subject area. Thank you for your help.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melisa Moriarty <mmoe37@me.com>
Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: May 15, 2017 at 2:24:44 PM PDT
To: PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org

Subject: "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment"

5.15.17 I am an 80-year-old caregiver to my 91-year-old WWII Veteran/husband who is housebound and unable to walk. When I

leave him I want fresh air and open space for my new rescue dog, Kerry Blue, and me. There are very few places for us to walk that are truly open and safe and provide the freedom we need to clear our minds and kindle our souls. The dog park in Scripps Ranch is not fenced. Others in Poway are too small to give us that beautiful outdoor panoramic feeling.

Fiesta Island is just such a place. I met a lady there on Sat. May 13, who was walking there using a walker accompanied by her dog and her handicapped adult daughter. It is a safe and beautiful open place for us all.

I took a folding chair and Kerry Blue and I walked the length and breadth of the area, a great outdoor experience that we needed. There was nothing to disturb our peaceful encounter with nature including the smell and sound of the surf. The area is so vast that other dogs and people seem to melt into the surroundings.

Most beaches in San Diego have time limits for dogs to even be near the area. Since I must hire a caregiver to replace me when I go out, I need to be able to go to an area that does not have time restrictions. I need an area that welcomes both me as a walker, and my dog that is my loving companion who needs some free off leash time too. Being safe is an issue for us. Seeing the vastness of a natural setting is so very replenishing. Walking is my exercise and my meditation.

I urge you to keep Fiesta Island intact. No divisions, no roads, and no "upgrades." The only upgrade might be to remove the foxtails that plague our four legged lovers.

Thank you for considering my views. I hope that you understand just how important this open vast area is to those of us who need a beautiful "Central Park West". Melisa Moriarty

From: [Lola Stice](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fwd: Fiesta Island Development
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:19:01 AM

Please record my comments that as a voter, I will oppose development of Fiesta Island recreation area. I stand with many voters in opposing option A for the following reasons:

- > Fiesta Island is the only area of mission bay and coastal areas that is still in its natural state.

- > Developing this area will further impact the habitat of various wild birds, increase trash and effect the water quality by increasing road traffic and people per square foot.

- > Fiesta Island provides a rare access to this (albeit man made) natural area.

I feel that Option B is better than Option A. However Option B may also undermine this goal and if there was a way to restrict the number of vehicles and gasoline powered recreational users in the area would be preferable. The number of jet skiers, amount of traffic and all-day RVs has increased and effected the level of noise, pollution and decreased safety.

I and my 2 dogs visit the dog park multiple times per week year round. It is one of the few places that we can hike off leash. We see the same people who visit even more frequently. This area is an important part of many peoples lives with many horse owners who travel from east county with horses to the scape the heat. What makes it preferable to OB dog beach is the size is large enough that dogs do not become territorial or aggressive or you can walk without encountering other dogs frequently. It offers a safe and accessible exercise area for humans, dogs and horses.

If you feel a need to improve the area, add running water to the dog park and add some treatment to control the fox tails which are health hazards. Consider restricting additional car access. Add trees or shrubs to foster the habitat of wild water fowl. Ask yourself and citizens why you need to develop every square inch of coastal area to milk our citizens for further tax dollars.

Thank you

From: [Laura Schultz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidisd.org
Subject: Fwd: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:30:51 PM
Attachments: [FIDO letter May 2017.pdf](#)

Message for the Planning Committee

I am writing to support Option B for the continued use of Fiesta Island in its present form allowing citizens to utilize the space as they have for previous years.

I submitted a very similar letter to Councilwoman Frye and Mayor Sanders back in 2008 to help them understand the importance of Fiesta Island to its current users. I have updated this letter for the new proposal and hope you will consider maintaining the current space for the dog park.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Regards,
Laura Schultz, DVM

From: [Kevin Best](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Fwd: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:20:19 AM

See email below.

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From: "Kevin Best" <kevinbest831@gmail.com>
Date: May 21, 2017 07:11
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update
To: <PlanningSEQA@sandiego.gov>
Cc: <info@fidisd.org>

To: The Decision Makers of San Diego City,

My name is Kevin Best. I have lived in San Diego for my entire life (55 years) and believe deeply that San Diego is "America's Finest City" and I believe Fiesta Island plays a large part of why the city is so special.

I am opposed to the city's plan (Option A) to develop the off leash area on Fiesta Island and I wholeheartedly support FIDO's Plan (Option B).

I believe your visitor attendance calculations for the off fenced leash area on Fiesta Island are a gross under calculation of the actual use this area receives. The "turn over" that this area experiences is unlike any other park area under the city's jurisdiction. From sunup to sundown, this area is visited by dog owners that walk with their dog for an hour or two - then leave. Only to be replaced by another visitor, who in turn will do the same. This creates a pattern which is repeated every day of the week, and year round.

No plan should move forward until an accurate visitor attendance survey has been completed.

The economic draw of this area is enormous. As you know, this dog beach was recently awarded by USA Today as the "Best in the Nation." This award factors into many peoples quality of life decisions on where to buy a house and live.

The off leash area at Fiesta Island is vital to my health as it is the one place I can walk (sometimes two or three miles) with my pet off leash in the city. My wife and I visit this area two and three times a week - and have been doing so for decades.

Please respect this city's residents desire to not implement Option "A" as it will serve only to discourage use and restrict access that historically has been granted to those of us fortunate enough to live in your beautiful city.

Respectfully,

Kevin Best
13677 Calais Dr.
Del Mar CA 92014 (San Diego City address)

From: catherine_cox
To: PLN_PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Fwd: Mission bay park master plan update-Fiesta island amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:59:20 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: catherine cox <cattonicox@icloud.com>
Date: May 22, 2017 at 7:43:51 PM PDT
To: PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: **Mission bay park master plan update-Fiesta island amendment**

I am in support of FIDO's option B. I have a rescue dog that I have been taking to Fiesta Island for at least 6 months. We have an awesome routine, it's one of the best parts of my day. I have a break mid day and I pick her up and we go to Fiesta. There is truly no other place like Fiesta Island for both dogs and humans. You step inside the gate and start walking and you look around and see the downtown skyline, the Coronado bridge, the beautiful bay and a gorgeous sunny sky. My dog can play with other dogs, chase birds, frolic in the water, and just sprint and be free. While I get to be in nature and find pure happiness in watching her be happy and get exercise as well. How many places can you go that your dog can have so much land to run and you can get exercise?? I can't think of any. By the time we get to the car I have walked over 2 miles and my dog is tired, but happy. What a great mid day for both of us. Most weekends we are there at least once. I want Fiesta Island to stay intact because it's a special place for my dog to be able to run, to be a dog, to get in the water if she wants, to chase birds, to have fun! Dividing it up would be very sad for the dogs and humans. It would leave less room for the dogs to run and for the humans to exercise. The size of Fiesta Island as it is now is special and rare. It's a place for dogs to come play and for humans to be in nature and exercise. It's my dog and me favorite place to go together.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Catherine Cox and Aria

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shannahoff, David](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: I support Option B for the Fiesta Island Dog option
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:56:44 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I support the Option B for the Fiesta Island Dog plan. Please keep it as it is, we desperately need to keep it as is so that we have an unadulterated for safe area for dogs to run free and swim.

Thank you,

David Shannahoff
Redding Rd
92115

From: [Kathy Ballog](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: I support Option B
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:19:00 PM

92103

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carolyn McClain](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: I support Plan B
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:06:01 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I hope that you spend time at the dog area of Fiesta Island and observe first hand the freedom that it provides dogs that are otherwise confined to small yards and leashes. The joy they experience, and the second hand joy that I gain are wonderful.

Though I live in Cardiff, I drive twice a week to Fiesta Island to let my dog enjoy the “real world” at Fiesta Island. Places to dig, swim in the bay, play with other unstressed dogs is completely unique. When I drive down, I often stop for lunch at a San Diego restaurant in the area, which I would not otherwise do.

The FIDO organization is working to preserve the best of the island and I support their alternative Plan B as better than the city proposal. Take them seriously and be responsive to your constituents.

Kind regards,

Carolyn McClain
Cardiff, 92007

From: [Carl Woodend](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Keep Fiesta Island the way it is now
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:20:38 AM

I'm a native San Diego guy that has watched the city and county grow since 1938. The rate of growth has been staggering and the amount of vacant land for parks and recreation should be kept and maintained for people, dogs, horses to enjoy. The amount of congestion and housing density is truly overwhelming these days. Thousands of people and their pets enjoy this bit of land as well as "Over the Line" sportspeople, bike riders and aqua sportspeople, too. TO MAKE FIESTA ISLAND ANYTHING DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT IS TODAY WOULD BE TRAGEDY! I understand the city's ever growing appetite for revenue, but the people who provide that revenue must be satisfied also. PLEASE! DO NOT DESTROY FIESTA ISLAND. Once the land is gone, we'll never get it back.

Carl Woodend
3102 Lower Ridge Road
San Diego, Ca 92130

From: [Theresa Martin-Werk](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Keeping Fiesta Island Dog Park
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 12:13:02 PM

I support to keep the Fiesta Island Dog Park area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

From: [Ron Yardley](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Letter Addressing Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment Street Connection, Project No. 265605; SCH No. 2012011048
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:35:53 PM
Attachments: [PEIR Opposition Letter to Planning Commission 5-31-17.docx](#)

Attached, please find my letter addressing the DPEIR:

> **Project Name: Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment Street Connection**
> **Project No. 265605;** SCH No. [2012011048](#)

Thank you

From: 6198227169@messaging.sprintpcs.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:17:52 PM

PLEASE leave the dog beach alone!

From: friszell@sbcglobal.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:45:04 AM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

To Whom it may concern,

Please keep our dog park , we live in San Diego just because of these open places left for us.

Don't clog with expensive cement & renovations ! Keep it natural.

Thank-you,

Michele Friszell Wells

A concerned neighbor

From: [Gyleski](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:35:53 PM

Hello-

I am in support of Option B concerning the master plan for Fiesta Island.

Gayle Gyles
4323 Corinth St.
SD, CA ,92115

From: gkaffel@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: gkaffel@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:40:44 PM

Keep Dog Beach!

We love Fiesta

Please

Garry Kaffel

From: [Mary Van Vorous](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:26:35 PM

Option B

MAUVV

From: [Patricia Sell](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:48:48 PM

I write to lend my support to FIDO. I have lived in San Diego since 1970, and Fiesta Island has always been one of my favorite places to bring my dogs for the wonderful off leash dog park, recently voted best in the nation. I have also brought horses there in years back.

A good friend and neighbor in La Jolla who now lives in NYC says what he misses most about SD is Fiesta Island's dog park.

It is wonderful in its natural state with open space as far as the eye can see, meshed with the bay coast where dogs can wade and swim. When I leave the park as I did today, I always come away smiling after greeting dogs and people. It makes my day every time.

Please save Fiesta Island in its natural state for dogs and people of the future.

Thanks for reading this email.Sincerely,
Patricia K Sell

From: [Kerry Ross](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA; info@fidisd.org](#)
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:15:03 AM

To whom it may concern,
I'm a Bay View resident (92117) and would like to support the "option B" for the development of Fiesta Island. This is an important area for local residents who like to walk dogs, walk for exercise, bike, boat and more. This Island is also one of the few areas in Mission Bay that is not heavily developed and is often used by wildlife. This is one of the big reasons I would like to see no more development on the island at all and would like to see more habitat restoration to mitigate for the overdevelopment of coastal shorelines.

Cheers
Kerry Ross
Bay View

From: [Mary Van Vorous](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:52:09 PM

Please leave this area alone for the people and the dogs we want option B

MAUVV

From: [Barbara Townsend](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:16:26 PM

Please keep the most wonderful place for dogs. I want Option B.

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Barbara C. Townsend
619 254-7596 cell
pugchamp@gmail.com

From: [Barbara Townsend](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidisd.org
Subject: Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:19:27 PM

I want Option B. I use the Island everyday. I live in the College Area, 92115. It's the best place for dogs.

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Barbara C. Townsend
619 254-7596 cell
pugchamp@gmail.com

From: [Kim Stern](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:21:03 PM

Please keep this for the dogs.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Leila Schuitevoerder](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay island master plan update: fiesta Island amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:28:21 PM

To whom it may concern,

I write to urge you to keep the Fiesta Island off-leash dog area intact. As I have read, option B is likely the best option for this. Over my last 12 years in San Diego, I have taken my dogs there at least twice a week for much needed off-leash exercise. It is a great way for them to work off their energy in a safe and effective way! It is sizeable enough that dogs feel comfortable and I rarely see altercations taking place, which is quite an accomplishment!

It would be such a loss for the community, as well as our visitors (I know many people that come down to San Diego, specifically because of the dog-appeal of Fiesta Island). Please consider leaving this wonderful resource for dogs, their owners and the community as a whole. Thank you.

Leila Schuitevoerder

From: Dave.Thompson
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Linda](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Park Update
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:04:15 PM

For nearly ten years, we have been active, daily users of the dog off leash portion of Fiesta Island. As we are sure you are aware, this area has been recently determined to be the best dog park in America and one of the very best features of "America's greatest city". This off lease area has enabled the creation of a significant community of like-minded dog loving people who feel very strongly in the need to protect the area and demonstrate it by actively cleaning it on a daily basis to preserve this incredible asset.

Based on the Mission Bay Master Plan Update, we highlight the following points:

- The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement.
- In the Concept Plan, a roadway would be extended along Hidden Anchorage "cove", in the southwest area of the Island, with swimming proposed in the channel area south of the island, developed parkland, playground and restrooms. Increased pedestrian access to the interior of the island through the creation of trails is also planned.
- "Option A" proposes an extension of Fiesta Island Road to an area south of Hidden Anchorage to access a parking area, picnic tables, paddling facility/storage, pier, ramp and floating dock, a designated swimming beach area, and developed park with a children's play area and restroom, while providing for habitat areas (least tern and eel grass).

We feel there is a far better solution to accomplish these goals and that is to complete the development of the South Shores pavilion. There is currently a beautiful pavilion, picnic tables, and expansive beach on the South Shore with the only constraint is the inability to drive your car to the facility and therefore, it is never used! With the nominal cost of extending South Shores Park Road a few hundred yards we can:

- Respect the long term existing use of the island
- Minimize the environmental impact
- Does not increase parkland and will require no additional water
- We believe it represents the least expensive option to expand the overall usage of Mission Bay while capitalizing on existing facilities without jeopardizing the incredible dog park we already have
- The cost of creating a paddling facility / storage area and children's play area and restroom would be the same in any of the locations

The South Shore Solution makes everyone happy!

Dave and Linda Thompson

Pacific Beach, California 92109

davet777@gmail.com

(913) 221 3022

From: [James Manner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:09:58 PM

I, James T. Manner, a homeowner and taxpaying citizen of San Diego, support Option B that would preserve the current off-leash area at Fiesta Island intact.

My wife and I are retired and recently adopted a pup from a rescue organization. We are trying to live a healthy lifestyle in our golden years which means exercise is part of the equation. Prior to adopting Hattie, we walked in our neighborhood for about 3 miles 5 - 6 days a week. Walking a dog on a leash for 3 miles does not allow walking at a moderate pace for a cardio benefit. Then, we discovered Fiesta Island.

The current Fiesta Island dog park allows us to get our cardio walk, allows our dog to run free and socialize with other dogs by chasing and bounding through the natural habitat and splashing into the water when we enjoy the water route. We visit Fiesta Island 4 to 6 days a week.

We have tried some of the neighborhood dog parks, but they pale in comparison to what is offered at Fiesta Island for our dog and we don't get our cardio exercise.

Please, Option B!

Sincerely, J.T. Manner

From: [mary.truman](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:13:05 PM

This email is to take advantage of the opportunity to provide public comments.

My dog and I have walked the perimeter of the Fiesta Island dog park most days for the past eleven years. It is the only place I know where there is **enough space for both of us to exercise**. In addition, the dog enjoys his daily swims to cool off and to keep his joints limber. And I find it relaxing to walk by the water. These walks are the highlight of our days. We both feel safe with no cars to worry about and the people are so friendly. It is such an oasis in the urban landscape. This area was set aside to compensate dog owners for the restricted use of the other beaches and parks in San Diego County and is one of the few places where dogs are allowed to be off leash. It was voted America's Number One Dog for so many reasons but mainly for its size and allowing visitors to be close to nature. It is a joyful place!

I would, therefore, urge you to accept **Option B** as being the most reasonable choice to accomplish the following:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The fenced, off-leash area means so much to me and I urge you to protect it and establish it as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible.

Again, please accept **Option B**.

Thank you for giving this matter the consideration it deserves.

Sincerely,

Mary Truman (92117)

From: [Phyllis Walter](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 5:05:32 PM

Planning CEQA,

We have been bringing our dogs to Fiesta Island for three generations of dogs. Prior to retiring, we would bring them after work almost every day. Now that we are retired we bring them every day early in the morning. It is as important to us as it is to our dogs. We are very saddened to hear that the City is now considering replacing the fenced in dog run area with swimming beaches, fences, roads, etc. We can see a public swimming area across from the island next to the boat landing and rarely see anyone using it. We find it difficult to understand why the City would take away an area that is used by so many and replace it with something it already has and is being used by very few. Why not encourage people to use the beach area next to the boat landing for picnics and swimming instead of building another such area. Our dogs need the exercise as much as we do and walking them on leashes in our neighborhood does not come close to giving them their much needed exercise. San Diego's population is growing and so is the dog population. I strongly believe San Diego owes it to their citizens to provide open areas for the dogs to run freely. I have looked at the two options being considered and strongly support the plan offered by FIDO as being the best use of the fenced in unleashed dog run area.

Phyllis Walter

Joyce Tenney

Daphne Walter

Josie Tenney

From: [FM Harvey](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Mayor Kevin Faulconer](#); [CouncilMember Lorie Zapf](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:28:17 PM

Dear Planning Committee:

My husband and I are home-owners in the Pacific Beach neighborhood of San Diego, where we have lived for 25 years. We are writing to urge you in the strongest terms to adopt Option B, keeping the fenced-in dog park intact and NOT putting a road down the middle of the dog park. We strongly oppose Option A.

Our dog visits the fenced-in dog park Fiesta Island 6-7 days per week for approximately 60-90 minutes each day. In other words, a very conservative estimate of our use of Fiesta Island would be well in excess of 300 days per year. We start by throwing the ball in the sections between the main entry gate and the cluster of trees and benches, then walk along the east fence that borders the road until we get to the water, then go down along the sand and walk the perimeter of the entire area, ending up on the west beach before returning to the parking lot.

Option A would eliminate much of the east section, and virtually block access to the water on the east side by construction of a road. Through placement of a road running through the park, Option A would greatly and negatively impact the use, beauty, and feel of the dog park. Also, Option A provides for excessive development (a large parking lot with RV spaces, a dog competition area, an obstacle course, a children's play area, parking lots and storage buildings) with elements that are completely out of sync with the current use and feel of this dog park. Worst, because a road would now be incorporated within the park, instead of enjoying nature, we would watch cars and pick-up trucks go back and forth dropping off people and equipment, with the accompanying assault on fresh air.

Please, let's keep the natural and open feel of this area - there are so few places for dogs to run free (almost every other dog park is much smaller) and for their owners to simultaneously experience a waterfront wide-open natural space. Option A would alter, in an undesirable way, an area that already works for many, many people and their pets. On the many occasions that we have visitors, whether with dogs or without, we always take them to Fiesta Island and they are amazed at our fortune at having this resource right in the middle of the city.

The fenced-in dog park is an absolute treasure, a natural park surrounded by water, a wide-open space right in the middle of the city where you can almost feel like you are in the country. We have visited dog parks all over the country and have never seen anything that matches it. It deserves its recent selection as the best dog park in the United States. The last thing the city should be considering is development. Rather, the city should be focusing on maintenance, including- foxtail control and repair of the dirt/sand erosion in the parking areas along the west side of the park.

In sum, Option B addresses basic improvements needed while maintaining the essential natural feel of the area. Option A would be a disaster and would destroy this San Diego gem.

We urge you to adopt Option B and rejection Option A.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Malcarne & Kennon Kashima
Pacific Beach

From: [alan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:38:13 PM

As a San Diego resident, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

We own 2 dogs who go to the Fiesta Island off leash dog park several times per week. We have used the park for many years. Our dogs love the trails, sand and water within the park. Our 2 year old son often joins us at the park and he loves splashing in the shallow water and seeing all the dogs running around and enjoying themselves. The fenced aspect of the park is particularly crucial, to protect dogs and children from being near moving cars.

Having a fenced, safe, large park with water access is a tremendous benefit for thousands of San Diego dog owners and visitors.

It is vital that this valuable resource is preserved and maintained properly, so that current and future San Diegan humans and dogs can enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Alan Abbey

From: [Danine Ezell](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 8:04:05 PM

I am writing to support adoption of Option B for Fiesta Island. A large leash free dog area is very important to me. I am 77 years old, with a double knee replacement and a large energetic dog. FI is the one place where my dog and I can both get the exercise we need. Other dog parks provide exercise for my dog as she plays with other dogs and retrieves the ball, but that is no exercise for me. If I take her for a walk on the leash, that is exercise for me but not nearly sufficient for her. At FI I can walk and she can run. Also the large area reduces any conflict among dogs, as they don't feel trapped. The Fiesta Island off-leash dog area has been nationally recognized.

Access to a large amount of shoreline in the off-leash area is essential, because during the late spring and summer the fox tails and cockle burrs make walking inland impossible (after a large vet bill to remove embedded foxtails we had to stop using that area). Along the shore is much safer.

I support improvements to the existing road and shoulders in Fiesta Island, but oppose new roads. Additional traffic and pollution is not what is needed.

I grew up in Pacific Beach, and remember Mission Bay before it was dredged. The development is a great improvement, but I support leaving the remaining undeveloped areas and maintaining the current ecosystem with its community of plants and animals.

Thank you,

Danine Ezell
1420 Missouri Street
San Diego, CA 92109

From: [Jim Henry](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:59:27 PM

I am writing to support the exi

I believe that Fiesta Island, and the off-leash dog area specifically, should be left as it is currently. It is greatly utilized by dog owners who travel from all parts of the County to enjoy the unique experience it offers. It is consistently rated among the top dog parks in the nation due to the size, the natural state and the opportunity to interact with your dog in an expansive stretch of relatively calm water. The water quality and odor at low tide are less than stellar but it is still very suitable for canine play, if not for their human companions. Funds that would be spent to implement Plan A or Plan B would be better spent on improving existing roads. Please keep it as is, wild and open.

Thank you,

James Henry

San Diego Resident

From: [Erin Siegal McIntyre](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update-- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:36:14 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strongest possible support for the Fiesta Island Dog Park to remain completely intact and preserved for off-leash use. I walk at Fiesta Island multiple times per week with my toddler and dog, and have done so for years. We take great pride in this beautiful outdoor space. It is one of San Diego's natural treasures.

Right now, the space is perfect. None other like it exists in San Diego. It is extremely important to have a place where both humans and dogs can freely exercise.

There is no need for additional fencing, an amphitheater, or additional roads on Fiesta Island.

Developing this beautiful preserved green space would be an egregious mistake. San Diego is already overbuilt and overdeveloped. We need to protect what little green space we still have; for our own physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Please preserve this beautiful resource for future generations and their four-legged friends by establishing it as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Erin McIntyre, Sofia McIntyre (age 2), and Rosie the mutt (age 5)

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From: [Alisa Pedersen](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 8:06:57 PM

Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for soliciting public input.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park, voted best dog park in the Nation last year, is a treasure and asset to our fine city. Please help preserve it *as it is* by voting for proposal B, thereby allowing it to remain without a road through the middle. Having access to a large area that is off leash is essential for the mental and physical health of San Diego dogs and its huge dog loving community. This is the place left where a family can go with their beloved family pet and enjoy a day by the Bay. Having the whole Island off leash is a true oasis in a city, and a welcome refuge where people and pets can exercise, and roam freely.

I vote in every election, and as long as this has been an issue, my first question has been "How do they feel about preserving Fiesta Island and the Dog Park?" We go there several times a week and more often if we have friends visit with dogs of their own. They are always amazed and impressed with the vast unspoiled beauty. Any development will detract from the glorious wilderness and free ranging possibility on the Island. So neither additional fences nor an Amphitheater would be a 'plus' for ourselves or visitors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope to hear that Proposal B was passed.

Sincerely,

Alisa Pedersen

From: [Sandy Fields](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:28:09 PM

Hello,

I am writing because I am concern that the Fiesta island development plan must keep in mind why residents love to use/visit this piece of paradise.

Do you know the sounds of the countryside are heard here when you jog or leisurely walk around the island? You can see the city and images of the freeway, but you feel, hear and smell the country. I live in the beautiful Point Loma area which is lovely and congested with new build, not much open space. This is why the development plan is important to me in preserving the little bit of open-country smell, sights and sounds that you experience on Fiesta Island. My dog enjoys the open space too. He doesn't have a yard so this is a social playground for him as well as for me with the other dog-parents. It is important to develop a plan that also respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, **reduces the acreage of developed parkland** which will reduce water usage and is economically feasible to implement. It is the last bit of countryside near the ocean where neighborhoods have vastly grown and left very little open space with the exception of parks here and there that are impacted with crowds.

I hope you will vote for Option B.

Thank you,
Sandra Fields
Benefits Broker
Wabaska Dr.
San Diego, CA 92107

From: [Susan Woodburn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay master plan update, Fiesta amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 4:24:29 PM

Please support amendment B for Fiesta Island. Roads through the middle would be too restrictive AND dangerous. With B We can share this beautiful gem as VOTED THE BEST DOG PARK IN AMERICA. We are there most everyday and see all the happy people and happy dogs!
Harleymom

From: [Mary Barrett](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Master plan update, Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:13:37 PM

My family and I use fiesta island for walks with our dogs. We have enjoyed the ocean scenery for years and it is our day vacation from east county San Diego. We would love to see clean, safe and natural area to dog walk our dogs off leash. Also we would like to continue off leash dog walks along the bay. Please help preserve this area for generations of fun.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Catharina Herrera](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay master plan update. Fiesta Island amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 7:12:26 AM

I am for option B for Fiesta Island. Let's keep San Diego a great place to visit and live for dog owners. Thank you, Catharina

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Robyn Mendoza](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan update
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:37:57 AM

The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

My name is Robyn Mendoza, I am a native of San Diego. I have watched our city grow and change over the years, and our open space is shrinking. I have enjoyed walking Fiesta Island with my dogs for many years, which has been great for our exercise and love of nature. There is nothing like this dog-friendly area anywhere in the city.

The access of this off-leash park is so important to so many San Diegans and their canine companions. We ask that the foxtails stay managed to protect our furry friends, and ask that the area is not divided by roads, fences or an amphitheater.

I ask that you support Option B as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robyn A. Mendoza

From: [Cybr Santa](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:26:28 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a citizen of San Diego who uses the fenced dog park at Fiesta Island frequently. I would like to have the off leash area remain intact without roads, amphitheater, fences and any other changes that the city plan has proposed. This is an important area for exercising of both people and dogs.

In the public notice of the review pending there were 2 options. Please go with Option B that will keep the current fenced, off leash area intact.

Thank you.
Will Armstrong

From: [Jeri Koltun](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 9:15:49 AM

I am a 4th generation San Diegan and very much value Fiesta Island and all it has to offer, as it is now. I hate to see more and more of our open space given up to development. I use Fiesta Island every week and appreciate the fenced in dog area where my older parents can come with their dogs and walk in in safety. Please keep Fiesta Island as it is and do not allow any commercial interests to develop it. Tourism is so important to our city and going there with friends and seeing all the many things it has to offer, dogs, boating, waterskiing, kayaking, jet skiing, fishing, kitesurfing etc....this would all be spoiled any development. Please keep San Diego "America's Finest City" by allowing Fiesta Island to stay open to everyone and "free" to all. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeri Koltun

From: [Clint Sheer](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master {lan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 11:45:34 AM

I run and exercise at Fiesta Island five times per week each week of the year. There is no place like it anywhere in the city or country for that matter that is as remarkable a place to exercise both myself and my dog. Fiesta Island is always well kept, and the people I encounter from all over the city absolutely love it. There is no place I have ever seen where you can BBQ, play with your dog, ride your horse, have a bonfire and all of your family over for a picnic while playing in the water.

Please keep Fiesta Island for recreational use only and keep it as it is. It would be such a shame to commercialize the greatest recreational area and dog park in the United States.

Respectfully Yours,

Clint Sheer.

From: [Lynn Haims](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:38:41 PM

I support Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment.

Lynn Haims
Bay Park Resident
4801 Jellett St.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Steven Fadick](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay park master plan - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:11:09 AM

I support Option B. My wife and I (and our dogs) have enjoyed the leash-free area of Fiesta Island for almost 2 decades. Please do not disrupt the area with any more roads or construction than is absolutely necessary. Fiesta Island is just fine the way it is. Its current use is its best use. Please don't spoil it.

I live in Bay Park, zip code 92117

Thanks,

Steven Fadick
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S&S Bakery's new website is live! Product photos and much more at sandsbakery.com

From: [Charles Tesar](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:47:40 PM

Dear Sirs;

As a long time resident of San Diego living on the Pacific Beach side of Mount Soledad, District 2, and a dog owner for 6 years I wanted to put forth my opinion on the development of Fiesta Island, specifically the 5f area. I am in favor of FIDO's "Option B". It is rare that a city as large as San Diego has an area that has been so precious to dog owners like our beloved Fiesta Island for so many years. The leash-free area we have provides sufficient space for owners and their dogs to roam freely and have enough space to avoid the problems of animal interactions often encountered at other leash-free parks. Over the past few years I have noted that there are more dog owners who enjoy the space that Fiesta Island offers. With the increasing numbers there is still space for all to interact in appropriate numbers. If the available space were smaller, I fear that there would be more problems.

After reviewing "Option A" and the reduced space allocated for leash-free dog space it mandates, I am very concerned that "Option A" will put our dogs at increased risks for interactions with automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles that could be deadly at worst or injurious at a minimum. The smaller the off-leash space allocation as prescribed by "Option A", the more parking for dog owners gets condensed long the road with the associated closer proximity to vehicle traffic. With the proposed added development of other areas on Fiesta Island, the noise, the traffic, and the activities only put the owners and their pets at a higher risk for an accident.

San Diego is a city that values health and fitness. The walking done by dog owners with their pets is an excellent way to put exercise into their day with the joy of being with their pet. Every time I walk Bonzai, aka. Mr. B, we see individuals, couples, and families walking their pets. New friendships are made. The beauty of our Mission Bay is soaked up. The beach access the animals have is so vital for so many breeds to keep them active and healthy. The current leash-free area is just as important to dog owners as having a skate park is for skateboarders or a beach is for sunbathers.

I hope you will work to help myself, other dog owners, and FIDO by giving your strong and vocal support for "Option B". Thank you so much for your time and effort in this important planning decision.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Tesar, MD
5105 Pacifica Drive
San Diego, CA 92109-1505

From: [Everett Delano](#)
To: [Malone, Rebecca](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan -- Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:40:15 PM
Attachments: [CCF06082017_0002.pdf](#)

Becky:

Please see attached comments re NOP.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

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From: [marley](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan -Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:21:54 PM

Fiesta Island is one of the last remaining open space areas left in San Diego and Option B would best preserve this space. The off leash dog area was recently voted the best dog park in the nation. I walk the perimeter of the off leash area daily with my dog and have met many people from out of town who say how fortunate we are to have this full area for the dogs where you can walk uninhibited. There are many who run and ride there bikes throughout the area.

One of the proposals to put an additional road through the center of the off leash area. There is currently a road that goes around the perimeter of the island which is often

From: [Laura Jordan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan- Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:26:18 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please take this email as evidence of my support as a citizen for Option B in regards to improvements to be made at Fiesta Island.

I live in Pacific Beach on 3767 Florida Street 92104 and visit the dog park at Fiesta Island at least once a week if not more often. Dividing the dog park with a road would seriously negatively affect the aesthetics and flow of the dog park. Not to mention the safety of the animals.

This is the only place in the area where our dogs can be off-leash, while fenced in, allowing for exercise in a safe environment. In comparison to other dog parks available where exercise is just walking around in a short circle if at all. The large environment presents a more natural social interaction without dogs crammed on top of each other, reducing the potential for negative interactions and stress for the animals.

Additionally It is important exercise for us as well - we usually get at least 3 miles walking the dog park. On our visits we see runners, bikers, people on horseback and more, providing a location for San Diego locals and tourists to be active outside and to do so in ways not available at other parks.

My family does not take our dogs to any other park except Fiesta Island, and if an option were to pass that would significantly change how the park currently is I am not sure where we would take our dogs every week.

I hope you take these things into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Laura Jordan

From: [Shawn Wass](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:09:04 PM

Dear Rebecca Malone,

In regards to comments about the "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" I support Option B as this does not impact the fenced off section of the park. Additionally, it seems the South Shores Park would be a more logical location for a paddling facility/storage, boat ramp and pier, as included in Option A, as this has a large parking area, better access via roads unlike Fiesta Island and existing restrooms

Thank you,

-- Shawn Wass

From: [Daphne Moseley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:03:41 PM

Dear Council,

As an everyday user of Fiesta Island Dog Park since 1982 I support adopting Plan B.

The location and great access to this area makes it a cherished place for thousands of dog owners in San Diego. Visitors from other cities are so impressed when they discover this special spot.

This is one of the most unique and amazing dog parks in the state. Putting a road through the middle of the main area is an ill conceived idea. Being the owner of 3 large breed dogs it is very important to me to preserve this special place and improve it for my dogs and all others. Adding drinking water and more shade would make this an even better dog park. Another important improvement should be "foxtail" management.

The size of the park makes it the best place to safely and adequately exercise dogs. There are no other places left to let dogs run free as they are meant to do. The access to the water allows them to cool off as needed when the weather gets warm.

The owners of most dogs, in this wonderful place, do a fantastic job of supervising and socializing their dogs...because they love them and make the special effort to be responsible dog owners!!!

There are so many dogs that will never be able to experience the real joy of leash free exercise. This is one of the last, best places for responsible dog owners to take their beloved animals to recreate. Please support Plan B!!!!

Respectfully,

Daphne Ann Moseley
3107 Edith Lane
San Diego, 92106
Sent from my iPad

From: [Janine Harty](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:05:45 PM

I am writing in support of FIDOSD's Option B to preserve Fiesta Island as an off-leash area. It is a wonderful resource for dogs and their owners, affording both the opportunity for regular exercise and fresh air. I have been taking my dogs there weekly for years. They love to chase balls, swim and play with the other dogs. The only other off-leash area near the water is Dog Beach, which is much smaller and dirtier. If anything, San Diego needs MORE off-leash opportunities, and certainly not fewer. The proposed development in Option A would severely curtail the open area available for off-leash activity. Please consider preserving Fiesta Island for dogs and their humans. Thank you.

Janine Harty

Your host for Blues and the Gospel Truth on 88.3 FM KSDS San Diego,
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President, Blues Lovers United of San Diego, www.blusd.org

From: [Everett Linn](mailto:Everett.Linn@planning.ceqa.ca.gov)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@planning.ceqa.ca.gov)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 8:39:37 PM

Good evening,

My name is Everett Linn. I originally moved to San Diego because it was my last duty station prior to my honorable discharge from the military and I now reside in Ocean Beach. Leaving the military was a difficult transition for me, and having my canine companion as an emotional support animal has been pivotal for my general health.

Unfortunately, my dog acquires a skin infection each time he plays at Dog Beach, and the waves there are large and intimidating to him, so the places I can take him are limited. There is a small dog area at Dusty Rhodes park, but it has limited space, so human exercise is not a viable option there. I have also witnessed several dog fights at the Dusty Rhodes dog area. I am guessing it is on account of the close quarters so many dogs are forced to share while playing.

Each time my wife and I take our dog to Fiesta Island, however, we note how many other dog owners are enjoying the ability to walk and run in a large and safe area, while their dogs play and enjoy their space. Dogs have the ability to enjoy both calm water and large areas of land on which to play. I have never witnessed any altercations between dogs at Fiesta Island: the playful atmosphere there provides a safe place for owners to take their dogs.

The dog area at Fiesta Island encourages many people and their dogs to exercise much more than they otherwise would. I know other San Diegans are just as busy as my wife and I, and having this space to walk, run, and allow our dogs to do the same is pivotal to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I know this is true because we utilize the area almost every day of the week.

Without this area, I believe many individuals' health would suffer, as would their dogs'. I can speak for myself that if I did not take my dog there every day to walk and run with, my exercise regimen would be greatly diminished. I know this is true for many others as well. Please do not take our daily exercise routine and one of our favorite areas away!

I would like to strongly advocate to implement Option B: doing this would ensure people continue to enjoy the benefits of a large area to exercise, socialize and ensure our dogs are able to do the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All good things,

Everett Vincent Linn
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From: [William Fields](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 7:19:47 PM

Please maintain the fiesta island dog park as it is, "america's best dog park" support plan "b"

Sent from my iPad

From: [Cindy Salvato](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:11:56 AM

Hello,

I would like to voice my support for **Plan B**.

I have been a regular user of Fiesta Island Dog Park with my dogs over the years. It is the only wide open space in the city of San Diego where people can take their dogs to run, swim and train with them. In addition we humans are able to use this time to get important physical exercise in this beautiful area as well by walking, running or swimming with our pets.

Fiesta Island does not need to be divided up. Mission Bay Park is a large park with many amenities for boat users, water skiers, rowers, campers, Boy Scouts, etc. and there seems to be plenty of space for everyone. Please don't divide it up into non-necessary areas.

Please preserve the Fiesta Island as the only place in the City of San Diego where humans and pets can play, swim, and train.

Regards,

Cindy Salvato
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From: [Barb Huntington](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:23:04 PM

Dear friends,

When I adopted my border collie pup 3 years ago, I was warned that as an "older woman" I would not be able to give her the exercise she needed as a high energy dog. Fiesta Island has provided the solution. I keep in shape with a couple mile hike while Tashi probably gets in ten times as much by playing with other dogs and running across the land, beach and into the water. The wide open space eliminates anxiety and dogs big and small get along.

I understand: "Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users.

"Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I strongly oppose Option A as it would permanently degrade and reduce a unique and heavily used area benefitting many San Diegans. It is my understanding that this would benefit very few at a great loss to many.

I am a regular user of the Fiesta Island Dog Park (2-3 times a week). I often meet friends at the park which has been voted the best dog park in the country. We bring our dogs, we socialize, we exercise with our dogs. It is the **ONLY** off leash dog park of this size and nature. The size alone allows the area to accommodate many dogs with little friction. A reduction in size would likely lead to more safety concerns as are seen at other off leash areas in addition to reducing enjoyment for so many.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

Option A would most certainly **NOT** meet the intent to respect long term uses and likely would not meet other intents either.

I strongly urge you to **ADOPT OPTION B** and **NOT** option A for the benefit of the majority of users.

Sincerely,
Barb Huntington
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Chula Vista, CA 91913

From: [Ariel L](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:10:49 AM

Good morning,

About a year ago, my wife and I moved to San Diego with our dog, Farley. We were immediately amazed how dog-friendly this city was and how many options we had for Farley to explore and play. After some deliberation, we settled in Mission Valley (just a short drive down Friars Road to Fiesta Island).

Since we were now in a beach city, we wanted Farley to enjoy the water as much as we did. At the time, Farley was just over a year old and until then, he still wasn't confident in the water. The lab in him had not yet taken over when it came to swimming. We took him to a couple dog beaches, but he seemed a bit overwhelmed by the number of dogs, the vastness of the ocean, and the overall excitement of being off the leash.

Knowing that we needed something a bit calmer, and a location where we could have more one-on-one time with him, we decided to take Farley to Fiesta Island. Right from the start we knew we had found a special place. Fiesta Island allowed Farley to explore the water at his own pace and not be too distracted by other dogs. Fast forward to a year later, and now we can't get him out of the water!! Farley learned how to swim at Fiesta Island and we take him back there every weekend. We play fetch in the water, we run on the sand, and now Farley plays with all the dogs there. Furthermore, when we do take him to dog beaches- OB, Coronado, Del Mar- he's right in the mix with all the dogs. He has total confidence in himself and his swimming abilities. None of this would have been possible without the solitude offered by Fiesta Island where we could train him.

Despite the fact that we are now moving away from Mission Valley, Fiesta Island will remain our primary dog park and Farley could not be happier. Fiesta Island will always hold a special place in our hearts, so please leave Fiesta Island as is. This is a perfect example of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Thank you.

-Ariel Levis

From: [Ann Molina](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 9:20:21 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my support for option b to keep the park intact and increased in size. I bring my two dogs here 2-3 times a week and it is my favorite place to be in the whole world. I was born and raised in this beautiful city and would be heart broken if this park is taken away. My husband was even going to propose there. It is my dogs favorite place as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Annie Velazquez

From: [Johnny Thai](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 5:34:46 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I support option B as described in the Public Notice for Fiesta Island. One of the analysis I would like to see is the amount of water to be used for the lawns on an annual basis. We just came out of a drought and with climate change not changing for the better any time soon, will those lawns still be watered? El Nino is not a normal occurrence to dump that much water into SD and the city even have permanent water restrictions on the website:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/prohibitions#permanentrestrictions>

So why would you waste water with two huge lawns? Even the current drought monitor shows SD as Abnormally Dry:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA>

If those lawns go yellow, would it not make sense to go with option B?

San Diego is a desert, it is not made for lawns and that much greenery, unfortunately. Currently, Fiesta is being mowed once or twice a year, and it's very low maintenance compared to what option A would entail. How much money would that cost taxpayers to mow the lawns or scrub down graffiti? Let's face it, where there's public access to restrooms, amphitheaters, or any concrete area with little to no security, there will be graffiti.

I live in zip code 92122 and really do enjoy the amount of continuous access throughout Fiesta Island. There aren't any structures obstructing views of San Diego and night time is even more gorgeous with the ability to see the stars and all of San Diego's various neighborhoods. In addition, I enjoy having my dog run around without having to cross a road or worry about vehicles in a continuous park. Thank for taking the time to read this email and I do hope the City chooses option B for a bigger Fiesta Island.

From: [Kate Jarvis](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:33:31 PM

To whomever it may concern,

I have been taking my dog to the Fiesta Island dog park for years now and it is easily the highlight of hers and my day. My entire family enjoys walking the perimeter of the enclosure as our dog runs along the beach, plays in the water, and meets other dogs.

After hearing about the potential plans to develop this land, I immediately decided to join the effort to preserve this park and do whatever I could to encourage those who are making the decision to leave the area alone. The Fiesta Island dog park is a key part of our community and a great place for local dog owners and families to socialize with others while enjoying the outdoors and getting some exercise. It is one of the very few places with water, sand, and the ability of dogs to be off leash, and I wholeheartedly hope it will not be lost or decreased in size in any way.

Please allow our families and pets to continue to enjoy the outdoors at the Fiesta Island dog park as it has been a staple part of our community and should be treated as one.

Thank you!

Kate Jarvis

From: [Rachel Sherman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:14:35 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong support for Option B and opposition to Option A for Fiesta Island. As a San Diego resident, water conservation is extremely important to me. Though technically the drought is over, living in a desert we will undoubtedly have water crises in the future, and Option A is not sustainable - parks require grass which needs to be watered, something we need less, not more of, going forward with city planning.

Furthermore, as a dog owner, Fiesta Island provides an incredible and unique place for San Diego dog owners to let their dogs be dogs. It provides ample space to run, which promotes owners to keep their pets healthy. This is certainly beneficial to the dogs and owners, but it is also to the community at large, as research shows that under-stimulated dogs are more likely to become aggressive. Unlike smaller dog parks, or even dog beach in Ocean Beach, Fiesta Island allows dogs room to run and explore without constantly being bombarded by other dogs in a small space, which can make some dogs feel trapped and nervous.

Mission bay is already full of landscaped, park space, which uses massive amounts of water to maintain, and is underused as is. What San Diego is not full of are spaces for dogs and their owners to run and be healthy. Option A will have a negative environmental impact, and cost the city far more than we should be spending on underused park spaces. Keeping Fiesta Island as is for us and our dogs is important to me and many other San Diegans.

Thank you,
Rachel Sherman

From: [Barbara Taylor](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 5:30:16 PM

As a weekly user of the off leash area of Fiesta Island to walk our dog, I support Option B. It is environmentally friendly, sustainable and economical.

I oppose Option A and would like planners to consider water use, effects of modifications to the local environment, effects of traffic on local residents (I live in nearby Bay Park), and the costlier price tag for unwanted changes.

Sincerely, Barbara Taylor

From: [Lydell Aaron](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment, Dog Poo Pickup
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:59:41 PM
Attachments: [Smart Dog Waste Receptacle.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that Fiesta Island Dog Park will be undergoing a potential renovation. Two options appear to exist--[an Option A, and a FIDO-sponsored Option B.](#)

Indeed there are times when development of a plot of undeveloped space can be necessary to support the infrastructure of more users, such as upgrades or reinforcements to heavily-used walkways and pathways to control or minimize erosion. I have learned that the City is looking to [develop the nearby Morena corridor](#), in part to address San Diego's need for continued growth. With San Diego being a dog-friendly demographic, I expect that growth stemming from the Morena corridor plan will result in an increase in the number of Fiesta Island Dog Park users, making it extremely important that we learn how to scale.

What I personally like about San Diego and Fiesta Island in particular, is even have successfully appeals to both tourists and residents. This is generally a polarizing phenomenon--where you get municipal projects that either attract visitors and tourists, or residents, but it is difficult to please both groups. Fiesta Island is a hidden treasure for residents and visitors, residents like myself, who frequent the park on a daily basis, and visitors who live East and bring out their animals (such as Horses and dogs) and boats, or visitors who come from North County and south Orange County, because Fiesta Island is truly a special and unique place.

I personally have come to build a special bond with Fiesta Island, similar to my friends at FIDO, so I would love to see FIDO succeed at implementing Plan B, because it preserves the special tourist/visitor and resident balance that is so unique to San Diego. I also understand that FIDO loves the space so much, that they are willing to take a form of ownership and work hard to see that environmental issues that pertain to the park, for example as erosion stemming from dog park use, are addressed.

With that being said, it has come to my understanding that our City is still lacking a sustainable disposal method for all the dog waste produced by our doggie pals. In fact, I called the Miramar Landfill asking about what I could do with "pure dog waste and compost-able bags," and unfortunately I was instructed that my only option was to put the dog waste into the regular trash, where it would end up in the landfill. With the current method at Fiesta Island, dog waste is thrown in the trash and still ends up in the landfill. Now, according to my research, dog waste occupies 3.4% of San Francisco City's landfills and I have reports that dog waste can occupy as much as 4-5% of municipal landfills. Seeing that our City has a landfill, it seems wise for us to think of how to handle the additional dog waste produced by the additional growth expected from park goers, since it is often more prudent to sustain what we already have, before taking on more development.

I am a 12-year San Diego resident, with my first 10 years beginning in 2005, as an employee at General Atomics working in Rancho Bernardo and Poway, and more recently an entrepreneur, coming from the UAV/drone industry and hoping to use my skills at building systems that help our communities. My belief is that if we put even a fraction of our defense

budget into our local communities, we would solve a lot of issues. I have been volunteering my own time to create and plan an innovative way to deal with dog waste by ultimately processing it into energy at a small-scale through my own startup company called [Beartha](#). I have attached a PDF and link to [Smart Dog Waste Receptacle concept](#) for you to consider. Before I heard of Plan A or a Plan B, my goal has been to develop a special smart waste receptacle that would benefit park goers and the City so I have come up with a form of low-cost Smart Dog Waste Receptacle, designed to accept source-separated dog waste in compostable dog bags and voluntarily pilot this effort at Fiesta Island with the goal of (1) diverting dog waste from our landfill, and (2) gathering data from park visitors when they use the special waste can. This data would certainly help the City in future park growth planning. I am hoping that the effort might scale to other dog friendly parks in the City, helping us divert our dog waste from reaching the landfill while at the same time, looking for sustainable and innovative ways to use the dog-waste, such as energy generation or composting the waste into fertilizer for non-edible crops.

I hope that you do consider working together with FIDO in preserving Fiesta Island via Plan B. Or perhaps there is a middle ground on promoting a lower-impact form of development that prevents further issues such as erosion but with a minimal aesthetic impact. One thing I've learned from public service is that it's best to harness and empower positive and passionate energy when it is being offered for free from those who care, and it appears that FIDO cares about the park and has both passion and a positive influence on the park. So I hope that we can leverage FIDO's energy, and my own, to help us create a win-win situation.

Very Respectfully,

Lydell Aaron

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Address: Morena Blvd San Diego 92110

From: [Craig Bross](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:56:01 AM

Dear San Diego Planning Department,

The proposed changes to Fiesta Island would be a terrible use of the city's resources. I am a San Diego resident and have enjoyed using Fiesta Island as it is currently configured. Any changes to it would make it less attractive for residents like myself. Please leave Fiesta Island as it is and focus San Diego's resources on better uses.

Sincerely,
Craig Bross

From: [Alison Sanchirico](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 4:33:10 PM

To whom it may concern:

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island!

While there are other dog parks in San Diego, none compare to the freedom, safety, space, and coastline that Fiesta Island provides. Even beyond San Diego, Fiesta Island is a rare gem for dogs and their owners. My partner and I take our dog to a park twice daily on most days, but that is typically our local, dirt patch of a dog park (Cape Hart) or a leash-only park. We go to Fiesta a few times per month and it's always a family outing because it is so enjoyable for all of us. We often meet up with friends who have dogs as well, as all dogs love it there and it is a place that us owners can also socialize and get exercise at. I love that I can walk around for miles myself with my dog, rather than standing at Cape Hart and throwing the ball for her to fetch. We have an athletic dog with a lot of energy. Fiesta is by far the best place for her to get that energy out. She loves to bound in and out of the water, walk along the beach with us, and wander through the trails with us.

We greatly acknowledge how lucky we are to have such a park in San Diego and our so grateful to what it offers us and our pooch. We hope it stays as is and that the current off-leash area is preserved for all dogs and owners lucky enough to visit Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Alison Sanchirico
2366 Chalcedony Street, San Diego, CA

From: [Donna Staley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org; [Donna Staley](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:48:20 PM

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

Hello planning committee,

I am writing to say how much I LOVE Fiesta Island off leash dog park. It is one of the few places that big and little dogs can safely mix in San Diego county and because it is so large it is reasonably safe for my little dog, unlike say Ocean Beach or Coronado or Balboa Park. My dog has been hurt / hassled by bigger dogs at all those other parks. It is also large enough so that owners and dogs can run side by side to exercise. I like the fact that you can go down by the water or walk along the rim, keeping a safe distance between my dog and say large loping puppies if needed. Any shrinkage would put dogs too close together and battles/injuries would happen more frequently. It would be nice if there was a drinking fountain at 2 ends of the park for the dogs and maybe a mini shower to rinse off the dogs by the entrance, but overall I'd say the size is perfect for little and big dogs (and owners) to run and play. I call it the dog "Happy Place" because they are so free and happy there. I think any shrinkage and / or road would greatly diminish the park, making it much less safe for my dog, so I encourage the committee to improve the dog park and support option B. "Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. The foxtails can also be wicked for my little white fur ball, so if possible it would be nice to curtail those somehow. Having some picnic tables/benches and shade too would be fabulous if people want to just hang out and let their dogs play and read a book. But primarily we need to keep the size large and with a rim to walk as well as along the water. Thank you for strongly considering OPTION B for the good of our ever growing San Diego population.

Thank you for your consideration,
Donna Staley
San Diego, CA 92124

From: [Lydia D"moch](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:56:37 PM

Regarding the planned development of Fiesta Island and impact upon the current off-leash dog park, I would like to state that I am opposed to the city's plan and favor the alternative option B, which keeps the current park intact. I use the dog park at least twice a week, traveling from El Cajon (92020). It's a unique spot that affords my dog and me an escape from the congestion and aggravations of urban living while providing a place for exercise and contemplation. I meet regular dog walkers every time I visit and have made some wonderful friends who share my enthusiasm for this special place. I cannot imagine how carving up the current acreage and adding more manmade elements such as parking lots, an amphitheater, and a paved road bisecting the dog park will benefit anyone in the long run, adding only more traffic and access frustration for current users in the process. I also have a concern that increasing cars, watercraft, and access roads could be a danger to offleash dogs who now are safely contained within a huge fenced area. Please don't alter something that needs no improvement other than better weed control and perhaps some newer picnic tables.

Thank you.

From: ACCallahan@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA; info@FIDOSD.org](mailto:PLN_PlanningCEQA@info@FIDOSD.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 2:11:53 PM

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I believe the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

We have been taking our dogs to Fiesta Island since 1978. It is such a special place. It was voted the number one best dog beach in the US for good reasons: Fences to keep dogs confined. Water if dogs wish to swim or cool off. Older dogs can exercise with the water supporting their weight. Additionally, owners don't have to worry about walking only where some landscape architect decided was OK by walking only on sidewalks. There is a lot of room for dogs to run full out and play without annoying other park users.

In addition to owners walking their dogs, there are also dog obedience classes and dog agility training classes.

There is only one other fenced dog park area in Pacific Beach/La Jolla area. It is on Soledad Mountain Road and is too small to be clean and let large dogs run far and fast.

Please vote for Option B and keep Fiesta Island a special place.

Andrew Callahan
874 Candlelight Place
La Jolla, CA 92037

From: [Jenny Sellers](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:13:55 AM

Hello,

I would like to voice my opinion in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update in regards to Fiesta Island and the off-leash dog park. I support Option B, as it fulfills the stated objectives better than Option A.

Please do not get rid of this wonderful amenity in San Diego. It is truly one of the only places my dog enjoys going due to its large size and her ability to run (and run, and run, and run). No other dog park in San Diego offers what Fiesta Island does. I used to live in Clairemont and would go down there with my dog all the time. I then moved to Carlsbad, and I still find myself making the trek down to Fiesta so that my dog can enjoy its spacious areas and wonderful water access.

This park is so special for so many reasons - its size is especially important to us, and its access to the water makes it a special place to run and romp around, especially in the summer. Since my dog is a Husky, having access to the water on the hot summer days is a must, and some of the other dog beaches in the area are too small and crowded. Please maintain the dog park as it is now - do not divide it up by roads, fences, and other means of taking the space away from San Diego's dog owners. Most especially, please do not put an amphitheater in its place...we already have plenty of concert venues in San Diego as it is.

Finally, if I could make a request to please get rid of the plethora of foxtails that are present on the island - they are dangerous for our pets.

Many thanks for taking my thoughts into consideration, and have a wonderful afternoon.

Kindly,
Jenny Sellers

From: [Jordan Lewis](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:56:31 AM

Hello

I'm writing to add my name down on the 'please don't change fiesta island' list. I use that dog park every week, meet friends for beach fires all the time, and would be pretty unhappy to see this unnecessarily changed. The dog park is fantastic the way it is and with such high rents, home values, and limited space - I really take advantage of the parks.

Thanks.

From: [Patie Rogers](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:46:26 PM

The dog park at Fiesta Island is used everyday by walkers, joggers, and dogs. We support Option B!

San Diego is a dog friendly community and many dog owners live in apartments and NEED the dog park.

The planning group should be looking at ways to improve the Fiesta Island dog park and stop listening to special interest groups.

If you don't understand how important the Fiesta Island Dog Park is, then you should personally go out to the park yourself and talk to those of us who use it every day -- we also are the same people who vote for who is on the City Council.

Thank you.

Please excuse any typos, or speech to text errors. Sent from my iPhone

From: [Saunie H.](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 4:08:27 PM

I write to you today, as a lifelong San Diego resident and lover of Fiesta Island.

I have spent literally hundreds of days here and implore you to consider the benefits of such a place.

Please don't spoil its natural beauty by cutting an asphalt road and putting other construction into it.

There are few places that are still wild for dogs to explore, and people to soak up nature. Having access to water is one of the best parts, an added stimulation for both human and canines.

Please protect Fiesta Island by keeping it intact and enhance it's natural beauty instead of developing it into another beachfront cement block.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.

All the best,
Saundra Holloway
92122
San Diego, CA

From: [Jan Callahan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 1:51:42 PM

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Janice Callahan
874 Candlelight Place
La Jolla, CA 92037

From: [Catherine Gidders](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:03:00 PM

Hello,

I am writing in hopes that our beloved Fiesta Island dog park stays an intact, fenced, off leash area and a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan. Please move forward with FIDO's Option B plan, for the health and happiness of all San Diego residents and visitors.

Out of all of the dog parks in San Diego this is the only one I go to. It is my home away from home. I can get exercise with my dogs and feel as though I've gotten out of the city for reprieve. I love being able to look around and see fields and water with no buildings or the packed in hectic lifestyle that San Diego has become. I love that I can take my husband, baby and dogs to such a beautiful place where we can all enjoy beautiful San Diego's nature and connect with our family and neighbors. The thought of having it built up is really disheartening. I go almost every day!!! It is my happy place.

I honestly couldn't imagine San Diego without Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Catherine Jantzi
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San Diego Ca 92107
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Denise Miesner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Mayor Kevin Faulconer](#); [CouncilMember Lorie Zapf](#); [SDFD City Lifeguard Service](#); [Taylor. Clark](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 8:58:11 AM
Attachments: [signature_handWriting_1487345059995.png](#)

Rebecca Malone,
Environmental Planner, Planning Dept.
City of San Diego, MS 413,
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San Diego CA 92101.

We use Fiesta Island a lot. It is one of the only large leash free wild area for dogs in the city. The current setup works well and is in use a lot. The island is always full of people and their pets. Not to mention bikers skaters, horses, and runners, just to mention some off the top of my head. I am a second generation San Diegan and My Husband and I want Fiesta Island to stay the way it is.

Fiesta Island should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. Please do not divide by a road or fences the dog area. We even frequently use the middle area. We do not need an amphitheater. The island is well used and is a gem the way it is for the City. It has been featured in tv shows and movies. Leave it alone why spend money on something that works well already for the City.

The EIR has stated

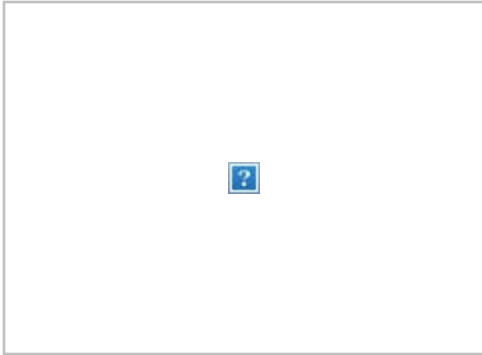
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When significant changes are proposed to public lands, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) allows for public input on what should be considered when analyzing the impacts of proposed projects. This input is then considered in the preparation of the resulting Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be presented to the City Council. In addition, Mission Bay Park is in the California Coastal Zone, so the process will ultimately be reviewed at the California Coastal Commission.

Sincerely,



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From: [Josh Geller](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:34:34 AM

I do not support the proposed Option A, which would add a dividing road to Fiesta Island. The island works fine just the way it is, and there is nothing broke that needs to be fixed. Please leave it as-is, or adopt Option B.

Thank you,

Josh Geller
2050 Pacific Beach Dr
San Diego CA 92109

From: [Kathleen Weston](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: Info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:45:27 PM

I would like to voice my support for Option B !!!!!

I can't express enough how important Fiesta Island is to me and my 2 dogs. It is a place I go often. Not only is it a place where my dogs can be dogs, get their energy out, have fun, and socialize with other dogs; but it's a place where I can be to clear my head, get some exercise, interact with other San Diegans, and enjoy life in general.

It would be a great loss to San Diego if this amazing place were to change or to disappear completely.

I hope you hear the voices of those that make great use of this place. I hope Fiesta Island remains a wonderful sanctuary to animal lovers.

Kathleen Weston

From: [alexander.greiner](mailto:alexander.greiner@ucsd.edu)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@fidosa.org); info@FIDOSD.org
Cc: [Fmlebreton](mailto:Fmlebreton@fidosa.org); [Kal.Masri](mailto:Kal.Masri@fidosa.org); [Michael.Welch](mailto:Michael.Welch@fidosa.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:56:38 PM

To whom it may concern:

We have been long time supporters of the dog park on Fiesta Island and are **STRONGLY** supporting option B for the proposal to develop the island in the near future.

We have always been amazed at the amount of dogs in San Diego county and feel that, compared to the very large canine population, the off-leash areas are few and when present too small.

Other countries such as Germany allow dogs to even walk, if trained, in public places without leash. At other times and circumstances, such as restaurants, dogs are allowed to accompany their master(s) as long as they are on a leash. Compared to the liberal regulations other Western nations possess, we San Diegans are already limited in our freedoms to take Fido to places. Developing Fiesta along other options (such as A) would further curtail the already limited opportunities which are afforded to dogs in SD county. In addition, dogs unable to move without leashes often exhibit aggressive and other untoward behavior.

Again, given the very successful institution of Fiesta Island as a dog haven, I whole-heartedly agree with Option B.

Thank you for your consideration,

Alexander Greiner, MD, CPI, FAAAAI
Co-Director, Allergy and Asthma Medical Group and Research Center
Rady Children's Hospital

resident of 8958 January place
San diego, CA 9212

From: [Daniel Schuller](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 11:59:49 AM

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island

Thank you- Dan

Daniel Schuller
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San Diego, CA 92111
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From: [Steven Feinberg](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 8:50:07 AM

To Whom it may concern,

My wife and I are in support of option B regarding the Fiesta Island Amendment. We (and many others) use the Dog Park frequently, both for recreation for our pet and also for exercise for ourselves. The Fiesta Island Dog Park is a unique and valuable addition to our wonderful cityscape, and dog lovers around San Diego are appreciative for its existence. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Feinberg & Stacy Feinberg

From: [George Kovacevic](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 3:33:29 PM

I am strongly in favor of option B which is to leave the off leash area as it currently is. I live in Jamul and drive to Fiesta Island every week so that my dog can have the best off-lease fun, and stretch his legs, at the current Fiesta Island off-leash area. This is the only open space like this in the whole of San Diego and beyond. A reduction in this area would be a detriment to man's best friend and the San Diego community. Please leave it as it is.

George Kovacevic

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From: [Colleen Stoyas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment Read more: San Diego Community News Group - City seeks public comment on Fiesta Island dog park plans
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:19:06 PM

Dear City of San Diego Administrators,

I am writing in strong support of Option B, retaining the fenced dog park at Fiesta Island and NOT building a road through it.

The City's public notice states, "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long-term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement."

Option B, retaining the dog park, clearly fulfills this promise. I have been taking my dog to Fiesta Island minimally 5 mornings a week for the last 4.5 years, which clearly fits the "long term existing uses of the island" category. The island is a community, I know many of the people that walk daily at the same time as me. And many of the people have been taking their dogs to the Fiesta Island fenced dog park even longer than me (5+ years!).

Building a road through the island and further development of the land will cost the city a large sum of money in addition to reducing access for pet owners. Moreover, construction and development of the Fiesta Island fenced dog park will generate large amounts of noise, trash, and fumes very near the protected least tern nesting areas.

As a renter in a city with premium real estate, I do not have a yard and need somewhere large to exercise my dog offleash. The few other beaches available to dog owners are small and are often extremely crowded, which can and does create altercations between people or dogs. Fiesta Island dog park is the only place where I can walk or run two miles while my dog sprints, explores, and sniffs to his heart's content. We often call this "The Happiest Place on Earth". Reducing the size of the park will eliminate the qualities that make this dog park special.

Again, I strongly support Option B for Fiesta Island development. It respects the long term existing use of the island, produces a responsible impact on the environment, and provides a unique space to people who live in a dense and expensive city and need a place to exercise their pets.

Thank you for your time,
Colleen A. Stoyas

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From: [christine moran](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:49:47 PM

We are visiting Fiesta Island off-leash area at least 4 times a week. It is a great place to enjoy beautiful San Diego with the dog at her most happiest: off leash, swimming and running around, meeting other dogs and people. Fiesta Island is unique in its landscape and large leash free area. No other park or beach access can compare to it. It allows for long walks and enough space to prevent crowding.

We feel it is important that this piece of land is kept as is and not divided by a road, fences or an amphitheater.

My husband and I respectfully request that Option B is used in the planning for Mission Bay.

John and Christine Moran
San Diego, 92117

From: [Ryan Nechita](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:45:25 PM

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to read my plea. I understand you are very busy and have received numerous responses.

As a San Diegan who regularly visits the island, I officially submit my vote for OPTION B because the following will be compromised: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Historical and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems.

Furthermore, Fiesta Island dog park is the best off leash dog park in the United States and a staple of San Diego! The island is one of the last unmolested places in the county for citizens to retreat with their pets, escape the hustle and bustle and relax without driving outside of city limits. I visit Fiesta Island with my dogs 3-4 times per week and it would be devastating to lose the little off-leash (beach) space dog owners have.

In conclusion, I would prefer that Fiesta Island remain UNCHANGED. The environmental impact to redeveloping the space is more harmful than words can properly articulate in a manner that would resonate with City Council. In short, **WHAT WE LOSE IS LOST FOREVER**. Nevertheless, given the circumstances, I reiterate my position by voting OPTION B.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ryan Nechita
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6880 Friars Rd #213
San Diego, CA 92108

From: [Marc Thacher](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - Option B Support!
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 6:58:08 AM

I support option B.

Please leave Fiesta Island as it currently is. It is such a benefit for the people, dogs, and community. Don't change our lovely fun place in any way. Please leave Fiesta Island alone and keep it for the people not capitalists.

Option A is a disaster for the community. Thank you.

~Marc

From: [Kelsey Flynn-Granquist](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 2:53:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you to ask you to preserve the Fiesta Island fenced off-leash area intact. This area has been an important resource for our family and pet's outdoor recreation for many, many years and it would be a tragedy to see it changed in any way.

Please thoroughly assess how Option A will negatively impact the environment, traffic, pet owners and budgets.

Sincerely,
Concerned San Diego resident
Kelsey Flynn-Granquist

From: [Alisa Rottenberg](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#); [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:37:30 PM

VOTE PLAN B

My dogs need the exercise.. I need the exercise.. it keeps us all mentally and physically healthy.. the dogs socialize.. I can clear my mind and enjoy the nature. Its the only place all of us can walk off lease for exercise. The mountains have snakes.. so no offlleash there. the dog beaches are already over crowded... my dogs barely exercise in parks.. they just stand around.. I stand around.. its ineffective. Plus dogs fight. we need to keep Fiesta as it is.. intact.. As a registered local voter.. it is very important to me.

thanks
Alisa Rottenberg

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Pete and Kathie](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:11:29 AM

As residents of District 2, pet owners and members of Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) group, we would like to express our views on the proposed development of Fiesta Island. We are in favor of "option B", leaving the fenced, off-leash dog area essentially in tact, including all 93-acres of open space.

This off-leash dog park is used by hundreds of city residents to exercise their dogs, as well as develop social contacts with neighbors in the larger community that this park serves. It is the largest leash free area in the City of San Diego and, we suspect, one of the largest in the state. Having both the open space and access to Mission Bay, allows unparalleled opportunities to challenge and exercise our canine companions. By leaving the exercise area in its' current configuration also allows for better isolation and buffering of the protected least tern nesting site in the northwest corner.

Thank-you for considering our input. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in our local government.

Kindly,
Peter and Kathleen Mirrasoul
1241 Catalina Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92107
619-224-5572

From: [Reenie Vincent](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:48:55 PM

Hello,

I am writing in hopes that our beloved Fiesta Island dog park stays an intact, fenced, off leash area and a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan.

We live very close to Fiesta Island, but in all the places we have lived in San Diego, Fiesta Island continues to be our #1 choice for my exercise and my dog's. It's a place we visit, explore, work out and de-stress together. My dog Hera and I visit every single day, and often meet my human friends and her dog friends, for fresh air, conversation and just healthy fun.

I honestly couldn't imagine San Diego without Fiesta Island in its full unadulterated splendor and raw beauty. It is a treasure to me, my Hera and so many San Diegans (tourists too I'm sure!) It is a local treasure and I sincerely hope it is preserved as so.

Please move forward with FIDO's Option B plan, for the health and happiness of all San Diego residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Maureen E. Vincent
Morena Blvd., 92110
619-385-1492

From: [Fred McClain](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 2:32:37 PM

We support the park use plan put forth by fidisd.org.

We visit the Fiesta Island dog park twice a week. We drive from Cardiff to the park because its such an enjoyable experience.

It would be disappointing to see it cut up with roads and cars.

All the best,
Fred McClain

From: [Jennifer Hakeem](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@FIDOSD.org"](mailto:info@FIDOSD.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 9:31:24 PM

I am writing to strongly show my support for OPTION B. I have used Fiesta Island for years and have friends who go there almost daily to walk with their dogs. There is no other place where we can exercise in such a beautiful, undeveloped environment.

Additionally, Option A is unnecessarily expensive to build and will use water we simply shouldn't be wasting on grass. Please adopt Option B.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hakeem

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From: [Natasha Fogt](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:49:07 AM

Hello-

My Siberian Husky and I just got back from enjoying the fenced dog area at Fiesta Island. We go here weekly and I think it would be a shame to make it any smaller, it already gets quite crowded on weekends! Please don't put the road through it and make it any smaller!

Thanks for your time,
Natasha Fogt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Summer Nixon](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:03:40 PM

To: City of San Diego, Planning Department Attn: Rebecca Malone,
Senior Planner

I quote from the following statement in your notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The sentence above describes Option B without exception and therefore I strongly support Option B for the development of the fenced, off-leash area on Fiesta Island.

There is no other large, open area where we can exercise with our off-leash dogs in all of Southern California. We need to keep this area open and undivided by roads, fences, an amphitheater and boating facility. This is as much about the humans as it is the dogs. San Diego has steadily eliminated most of its open space. There is no other place where we can still walk, run or bike safely and legally with our off-leash dogs. This fenced area is a refuge in the middle of a developed city where humans and their dogs can try to maintain physical and mental health. We NEED open, undeveloped space. An open-space Fiesta Island is an incredible asset and once it is divided up, that is gone forever.

Fiesta Island was recently voted Best Dog Park in the United States. What a great thing to be known for! Dog lovers and San Diego locals are proud to recommend this gem to visitors who travel with their furry loved ones, as well as to residents as a safe place to be outdoors with their pets, exercising and enjoying all the coast had to offer, including a glimpse of the bird sanctuary preserved in the middle of the urban sprawl along the coast! We

I beg you to consider the following environmental impacts and make the wise decision for future generations to maintain the large open space that is Fiesta Island:

1. Please evaluate the environmental impact that bulldozing the berm and soil to create a swimming beach at the south end of the area will have. To create a swimming beach, they will have to bring in tons of non-native sand. What impact/risks will that have on the existing flora and fauna?
2. Please study the effect that the use of watering and maintaining the grass planned for the area will have. Southern California is a desert and water-hogging grass areas must be kept to a minimum.
3. ***How will increasing density on the island affect traffic flow? Hopefully traffic studies will be done to show how it will be***

impacted.

- 4. Regarding the Least Tern protected habitat adjacent to our off-leash area, the Audubon Society has said that having picnic tables and trash cans in the vicinity of the Tern area will draw crows and other predator birds into the area. These predators eat the Tern eggs and chicks. Having the large off-leash park in the area will prevent any food or trash that may attract these predators.**
5. Please analyze the impact of an large number of increased special events that will be brought onto the island and the impact on the environment, traffic, aesthetics, noise as well as the cost of build-out and maintenance of necessary public services (restrooms, trash, etc.) that will be necessary for these events.
6. Please analyze the financial savings that would be incurred if the paddlers were placed on South Shore, where the infrastructure they specifically said they needed already exists versus recreating the same expensive infrastructure directly across the channel on Fiesta Island.
7. Please consider a fox-tail eradication plan for this area as fox-tails represent a grave health risk to dogs.

Thank you for considering this request.

Summer Nixon

2964 Shoreline Cove Ct

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From: [Susan Slaton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:38:12 PM

Rebecca Malone
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Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment

The Fiesta Island Off Leash dog park is one of a kind location. Both humans and dogs are able to enjoy their rights to California's water and land with out leashes and with out conflict. To be able to share the elements together in a place, that is for visitors, vacationers, and the people of San Diego to Run, Swim or bike safely with their pets.

Do not divide the spaces up with one more unneeded Roads, Fences, or an Amphitheater. There are all ready many locations for all type of activities to take place. Just east of Seaworld is a boat ramp, parking and bathrooms that is barely used. We also have Petco Park, the old Chargers stadium, the sports arena to name a few locations for events. Plus they ALL have the needed infrastructure already in place.

We all paid taxes and pet fees and have very little large spaces that can be used in this over growing city we all love. The open spaces is all part of our San Diego life style and it is what makes use different from larger over crowded cities such as L.A.

Fiesta Island is used every day by all of San Diegans citizens, Families, old and new.
Please vote no on option A.
Please support option B keep Fiesta island available to its dogs and people.

Susan Slaton
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San Diego Ca 92109

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For immediate assistance please call:

Sincerely,
Susan Slaton
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From: [John Moran](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:43:08 PM

We are visiting Fiesta Island off-leash area at least 4 times a week. It is a great place to enjoy beautiful San Diego with the dog at her most happiest: off leash, swimming and running around, meeting other dogs and people. Fiesta Island is unique in its landscape and large leash free area. No other park or beach access can compare to it. It allows for long walks and enough space to prevent crowding.

We feel it is important that this piece of land is kept as is and not divided by a road, fences or an amphitheater.

My husband and I respectfully request that Option B is used in the planning for Mission Bay.

John and Christine Moran
San Diego, 92117

From: [Priscilla Niessink](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:26:18 PM

To whom it may concern:

"OPTION B" for Fiesta Island off-leash dog park

I am a resident of Mission Bay for the past 4 years and Fiesta Island off-leash dog park is one of my favorite features of living in San Diego!

It is PERFECT in every way so PLEASE do NOT take this away from us!

It is the best place to get quality outdoor time exercising with my pup. He and I both being transplants rely on Fiesta Island off-leash dog park a minimum of 2 days a week for exercise, socialization, and tranquility. I absolutely love bringing everyone that I know or that visits with me to enjoy it the way that it is.

The size of the park is important as my pup was able to attend training with 50 or more dogs in a class at a time and that allows for proper socialization and training needed to be a well-behaved member of our community. It also allows space for dogs who have trouble interacting with others in close quarters and plenty of room for exercise for all dogs. ACCESS to the WATER is a MUST!

There is no where else for us to go as the beaches close by have strict rules already and besides the awful pet owners that take their dogs to OB dog beach, which most everyone I know refuses to go to, Fiesta Island off-leash dog park is the only place we have left!

Please preserve the Best Dog Park in America!!!!

Sincerely,
Priscilla, Scott & Bodie :)



From: [Jeffrey Ludden](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 1:49:47 PM

To whom it may concern:

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island!

As an avid dog lover and outdoor enthusiast, there is no comparison to the freedom and openness that Fiesta Island allows for my dog and me. Whether it's retrieving her ball from the water or bounding through the open fields chasing balls and playing with other dogs, my dog doesn't know how good she has it. Her smile and huge tongue at the end of our visit to Fiesta Island are all the confirmation I need that she loves it as much as I do.

While San Diego has a lot of other dog parks, there is no comparison to being allowed to roam about on the wonderful park that is Fiesta Island, away from the packs of dogs (11+ per person at times!) that dog walking companies frequent our local park (Cape Hart) with.

I'd really like to keep that way.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ludden
2366 Chalcedony St., PB

From: [David Coincon](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment.
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:06:28 AM

City Planning,

I just wanted to voice my concerns, regarding developing Fiesta Island. As a dog owner, you don't realize how important this free open space is important to me and my dogs. It's so nice to have safe undeveloped space in which to walk and run. This is unique to San Diego and should be preserved. Not everything should be converted to a tourist destination, or a childrens play ground; where kids rarely play and becomes an out-of-site hangout for wrongful activity. All though, I do see a lot of tourists on Fiesta Island, with their dogs, and they are so impressed at the current open space.

I'm begging you to please support FIDO's Plan B for Fiesta Island. It seems more cost effective as well.

Thanks for your time.

David Coincon
619-668-9120

From: jimmysixguns@sbcglobal.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:51:46 PM

Our family has been to the Fiesta Island Off Leash Dog Park every day for nearly nine years. Walking our dog daily has been responsible for helping me regain my health. Like many dogs, our Brittany needs to run free but is not safe near traffic. Her daily trips to the Island allow her to run and play with other dogs while we benefit by the fast paced walk. I have had many dogs in my lifetime and visited many dog parks. The Fiesta Island Dog Park is unique because of its convenient location and that the dogs benefit by the exercise and socialization opportunities. Please support Option B which will enhance the Mission Bay outdoor experience for all San Diegans.

Sincerely,

Jim Rogers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Jessie Blake Thompson](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment Read more: San Diego Community News Group
- City seeks public comment on Fiesta Island dog park plans
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 10:56:29 PM

Please save Fiesta Island and keep America's best dog park intact!! It is an invaluable part of our community.

From: [Mike Howry](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:28:23 PM

Sir/Ma'am,

As a frequent user of the Fiesta Island off-leash dog park, I request that we implement Option B and do not reduce the dog park footprint or commercialize the surrounding space. My family, dogs and I enjoy the off-leash area on a near daily basis (at least five days a week). My concern is if we reduce the current off-leash area by developing around the park, it will add vehicular traffic, pollution, and danger to pedestrians and pets. Option B clearly is a plan "that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement," per the Public Notice statement.

Please select Option B.

Respectfully,

Mike Howry

3620 Kite Street

San Diego, CA 92103

From: [Jolie Nokes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 6:50:51 AM

Hello,

Fiesta island is currently a wonderful place for dogs to run around and play. It's so nice to know that the area is a large fenced in area where my dogs can safely run and be healthy. Please keep the fiesta island dog park large and fenced in.

Jolie Nokes

From: [Linda A](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:21:24 PM

Hello,

Please let Fiesta Island Off-Lease Area remain intact. I have enjoying coming there for the last nine years and so have my dog! Now we're bringing our toddler as well, and she loves it to. It is truly a gem for San Diego residents and something the city should be proud of.

Thank you,
Linda Arterberry

From: [Darian Kimball](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:59:24 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of San Diego in the 92117 zip code. We support OPTION B. Fiesta island is incredibly important to our lives as we use it weekly, if not more often. It is the only place we feel comfortable taking our dog as dog parks have proven to be unsafe, as well as dog beach. Fiesta Island's large expanse is second to none, and going to the dog park is our favorite part of our week. I believe option B better supports your intent when compared to option A.

Regards,

Darian Kimball

From: [C. Giovine](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:16:49 PM

Dear Planning Commission Members:

I am a resident of San Diego and am writing in support of Option B supported by FIDO. It would not be possible to overstate our love for, and dependence on, this truly unique public space for our family.

We relocated to San Diego 2 years ago from Northern California and recently decided to make San Diego our permanent home. We are still house hunting, but one of our top criteria is that the house must be within 20 minutes of Fiesta Island. Pause on that. Here is a public space so unique that we are making major life decisions around proximity to the island. Why? Simply put, Fiesta Island offers an unparalleled experience. Nowhere else in the city, county, (state?) can we simultaneously:

- Spend time together as a family, including the dog—by nature, they are social creatures who require quality interaction
- Socialize our fat old rescue dog and build his confidence with new people, dogs and situations in a way that is not possible at smaller off-leash parks or on trails
- Get some doctor-ordered low impact exercise for our creaky old mutt in the form of long, free form walks, swimming, and playing with other dogs
- Get some low impact exercise for our creaky old selves—great for those trick knees and aching joints
- Rub elbows with our neighbors and meet other dog owners and dog lovers
- Enjoy the water, sun, sea breezes and dog kisses

One year ago, when we decided to finally get a dog, a rescue appealed to us for two reasons: we could invest in a cause (prevention of cruelty to animals) and perform a civic duty (reducing strain on government resources such as shelters and animal control). It was exceedingly tempting to adopt a roly poly puppy from a breeder, especially as this was our first pet and we wanted to make sure he was healthy and trained up properly. But in the end, we wanted to have a bigger impact. So we adopted from a local rescue organization . . . and are ready to adopt 2 more. But the choice of getting a rescue animal often comes with sacrifices as a result of the animal's past neglect or abuse. In our case, it called for a substantial investment of time, and a lesser investment of money, in order to rehabilitate the dog both physically and behavior-wise (he's now mobile, medication free, fairly obedient, and loving life). He is seriously the cutest.

In closing, I echo the talking points other FIDO supporters have raised, but there are a few I'd like to reiterate:

- My family is at Fiesta Island every weekend and 1-2 times during the week
- This is one of the few public spaces in the city we actually use
- We use it year round
- There is nowhere else we can get this combination of outdoor family time/exercise/free form dog play/socialization/public interaction
- Developing and maintaining the land carries its own costs; I would MUCH rather see my tax dollars spent on roads, sidewalks, water system infrastructure, mass transit, etc.

-There are so very many other options for tourists in this town, another option is not at all necessary. It just isn't. We have never run out of things to do with our guests when they come to San Diego.

In closing—Fiesta Island truly been a lifeline for us and also figures prominently in our future plans. Please vote in favor of retaining the off-leash area as it currently is, or at a minimum consistent with Option B as proposed by FIDO. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Carrie Giovine

From: [Chelsea Gastelum](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment Read more: San Diego Community News Group
- City seeks public comment on Fiesta Island dog park plans
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 2:26:37 PM

I want to let you know that I feel the option B for current development of Fiesta Island has my vote. My dog recently passed due to cancer, but for the 8 years he was with us we regularly visited the Off Leash Area in Fiesta Island.

It bothers me that planners and developers don't spend more time out there before making these decisions. I think the City of San Diego should work on making San Diego a known destination for people wanting to vacation with their dogs. Make a dog friendly tourist page with hotel and restaurants (so many in San Diego) listed. Pump up that aspect. "Bring your ENTIRE family on vacation in San Diego."

There are so many places that people can go for water fun. We need every inch of place where families can go and enjoy with their furry family.

I wish someone would do something about the people who party (when there isn't supposed to be alcohol or cigs on our beach areas), off road and drive fast/reckless on the Island.

Please consider giving our pups more, not less options to enjoy Fiesta Island. When we adopt our next dog we want to run free and swim with it without leash or off leash time restraints.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Gastelum

From: [Alyssa Ortega](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 8:14:30 PM

Hello,

My name is Alyssa Ortega and I am 26 years old with a 3 year old Chihuahua. I live in Chula Vista, San Diego and I drive all the way to Mission Bay to use the dog park in fiesta island. My dog loves fiesta island. I try to go as much as 3 times a week. The 48 miles roundtrip commute is worth it. There is nothing better than a long day working in social service to come to walk at peaceful scenery with my dog. This is the only place my dog feels free and independent. All the other dog parks around my area are not big enough for my little explorer. I would prefer option b, for those dogs that need more space to be themselves. I do not want to keep limiting our dogs safe space.

From: [Sharon Griffin](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:05:28 PM

My choice is Option B for the Fiesta Island portion of the Mission Bay Park plan.

Sharon Griffin
Bay Park

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joanie Hartman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:54:35 PM

To whom it may concern:

Personally, I would prefer to keep Fiesta Island just as it is; one of the last raw and natural places in San Diego where we can go for multiple purposes. I think it is absolutely ridiculous to attempt to "improve" something that is already pretty much perfect, especially at a time when San Diego's city budget has other important issues to resolve.

But since this has reared its ugly head again, I must voice my opinion as to which of the two options I would choose. I ask that you choose option B. It is the lesser of the two evils in this cause. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joanie Hartman
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From: [Steven Brown](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:51:39 PM

I support Option B for Fiesta Island.

We don't need more roads cutting up the open space. I love taking dogs to Fiesta and do it as often as I can. My current dog isn't ready for off leash, she is a rescue greyhound and is a bit spooky, but when she is we will be there enjoying the long unbroken beaches that are so great for running on! We've had three greyhounds so far and after a sprint on the beach they need to cool off by sitting down in the water. The beaches make them so happy and it is a great freedom for them. Please do not develop the off leash dog area with roads and cut it up with fences. One big area is what we need!
thank you,

Steven Brown
Homeowner, Clairemont
Class of 1978, CHS

From: [Aaron Schoenfeld](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:59:25 PM

I am writing to urge you to pursue option B on the master plan update. The off leash area provides a valuable area of recreation, not just for our pets, but for us as residents.

As an individual with a disability, a prosthetic leg to be exact, this area provides opportunities that can't be found anywhere else in the city. My dog can run in a way I can't allow him to otherwise, and it provides a unique area of recreation for me to exercise near or alongside him.

This area is also uniquely San Diego. Many family and friends specifically name Fiesta Island whenever the city comes up in conversation. Its something they remember. It speaks to the culture and lifestyle of America's Finest City and should be left in tact!

Please, I urge you to leave the off leash area as is and pursue Option B.

Thank you!

Aaron Schoenfeld
3048 Beachwood Bluff Way

From: [Ron McChesney](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:36:10 PM

May 18, 2017

To: Planning Department, City of San Diego

Subject: **Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment**

I'm writing to express my **support of FIDO's Option B proposal** and my **opposition to Option A proposed by the City of San Diego.**

I've been taking my dog, Sunny, to the fenced off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island for over two years, two-to-three times a week. We walk/run the East & South facing beach, which is about two miles roundtrip. It's great exercise for both of us. We also utilize the trails on the mesa.

I can't begin to imagine why the City wants to develop nearly 40% of the park, removing land sorely needed for dogs and humans. In Diane Bell's column in the San Diego Union Tribune dated 5/16/2017 regarding San Diego's dog-friendly ranking, she states "A new survey shows that San Diego has the greatest number of dog-friendly restaurants of the 100 largest U.S. cities.....But our City's overall dog friendliness is surpassed by San Francisco and (other large cities).....Where did we lose points? Dog parks. We only have 1.09 per 100,000 people, making us 20th overall." We don't need to lose off-leash space for our dogs, we need **MORE**, not less.

The City's Option A proposal looks great on paper, but if their vision becomes reality, just take a look at Capehart Off-Leash Dog Park located on Soledad Mountain Road in Pacific Beach to see what their proposed park might look like in ten years. Capehart was built in 2004 at a cost of \$632,000 (combined off-leash dog areas is 0.41 acres) and has been totally neglected for years. Trash, weeds, no shade structures, no grass (with the exception of the Small Dog Area that was re-sodded thru donations by the public), have created a very unhealthy and uninviting environment. Too many people & dogs, and not enough space (square footage per dog/person).

Capehart is a disgrace and the City wants to waste more of our money (that the city does not have) on "improving" Fiesta Island that removes much needed spaces for people and dogs. Capehart serves a population of over 73,227 (Pacific Beach & La Jolla), a park way too small to support an estimate dog population of 14,000+. Fiesta Island is the only other fenced off-leash dog park in the vicinity of Pacific Beach and La Jolla west of Interstate 5. **The City of San Diego needs to create more off-leash dog parks, not take space away from them.**

By the way, where does the money come from for the city's proposed Option A boondoggle? We can't even fill pot holes in the streets or keep enough police officers to protect us (I could go on) let alone proceed with the City's proposed Option A.

As the EIR review takes place I would like to see a focus on the following issues:

- Is a traffic study planned? Traffic will certainly increase with the Option A proposal.

What impact will this have on traffic flow, bike and pedestrian safety?

- Will the study include the evaluation of the need for additional off-leash dog space? As I mentioned earlier, there are over 14,000+ dogs in the area that could utilize additional off-leash space.
- How will the amphitheater, when an event is taking place, affect the behavior of the dogs nearby? Could the noise unsettle them and cause problems? How will this affect traffic and access to the park?
- The current ruggedness of the park is part of what draws me to it. The openness is very inviting, but under Option A, the park would be broken up into many smaller areas. Is this really necessary and for whose benefit? Why can't another area of Fiesta Island be used for developing Option A?
- Does the park really need a non-motorized boat storage area when one could be constructed at South Shores boat launch area which is right across the channel? South Shores has many amenities including restrooms. Is this a good use of space right next to a proposed public beach? Will there be safety issues?
- Last but certainly not least, will the City water the grassy areas? According to Kathryn Ruiz, Deputy Director Community Parks 1 Division, the likelihood that the dog park will be watered is very low. If this dog park gets watered, why not all dog parks?

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All day long you will see dogs and people enjoying the park and it is heavily used on the weekends and holidays. Over 15,000 people support FIDO and their Option B proposal. FIDO's Option B plan is simple and appears to be much more affordable than the City's proposal. It would have a minimal space "takeaway" impact on the park while providing much needed parking and other amenities that could be enjoyed by all. The size of the park under Option B provides an area large enough to avoid overcrowding and allows separation between groups of dogs and people when needed.

I encourage everyone to support FIDO's Plan B proposal.

Thanks for listing....

Ron McChesney

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From: [Chris Roben](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:51:06 PM

Please consider how magical of a place Fiesta Island is to do many LOCAL residents. I support "Option B" which would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. I can't imagine reducing access to dogs and their owners

Thanks in advance

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From: [Carl Rebman Jr](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:25:56 PM

Dear Rebecca Malone and the rest of the Planning CEQA Committee,

I am writing to provide some comments which I hope will be considered in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report regarding the Mission Bay Master Plan Update. It is my understanding that there are two options being considered. Option A appears to be a developers response to significantly alter the current somewhat natural state of Fiesta Island to include a urbanized park complete with restrooms, a new paddling facility/storage area, a new ramp, pier, and floating dock, a new designation children's swimming area, a replacement of some off-leash dog acreage to compensate for the creation of a dog competition area, dog obstacle course, and again more restrooms.

Option B appears to be an earnest response to address serious environmental issues such as storm run-off, and protection of sand erosion from traversing vehicles while preserving the historical use of Fiesta Island. In addition, it does provide some nice upgrades such as the viewing pavilion.

If the main intent of this new master plan is to considerably increase the use of Fiesta Island and significantly alter its current composition than option A would most likely be the better choice. Yet that is not the stated intent of the public notice.

It specifically reads *"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement"*.

Based on this stated intent Option B is the more prudent choice.

Option A by its description will significantly increase water usage due to the nature of the proposed items/activities. Here are my challenges with this particular option.

- Urbanized park invite picnics which people bring food and drink which result in a rise of water consumption due to cooking and cleaning needs.
- A new pier, ramp, and floating dock will result larger water needs to clean vehicles.
- It should be already apparent that events like dog competition will increase crowds and water demands from the animals.
- Waste disposal (human and canine) both require large amounts of water.
- In addition to water usage concerns there would be a large impact of increased emissions and congestion over the area as more cars would traverse over Fiesta Island, particularly if a park and children's swimming pool is created. I have not witnessed too many people who bike to the beach to picnic nor travel with their children via bicycles.

As mentioned earlier, everything stated in option A works against the stated intent of the framers of the public notice.

Clearly, I have a vested interest in this proposal as I am part of the nearly 40% of those who own dogs

(<http://www.seecalifornia.com/dogs/california-dogs.html>) the proud owner of three Labrador Retrievers (Ruckus, Random, and Reason). I bring my dogs to Fiesta Island very regularly and I (and my dogs) have not found any need for an obstacle course as the bay area to swim in and the field area to run around work just fine. Fiesta Island has been a great place to meet old and new friends and it is quite friendly as compared to Dusty Rhoads or Dog Beach.

Some other items I would like to note:

- I do not understand why there is even a consideration of creating a new urbanized park as Fiesta Island is just across from Mission Bay Park. On the western side of the Fiesta Island is Ski Beach and Vacation Isle Park. On the southern side of Fiesta Island is South Shores Park.
- I do not understand the need for another paddling storage facility, ramp, and pier, when there is already the South Shores Launching Area.
- I do not understand the need for another children's swimming area as there are already multiple places such as Mission Bay, Carlsbad Lagoon, Liberty Station and Glorietta Bay under the San Diego-Coronado Bridge (<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-sandiego-top-swim-spots-2013jul31-htmlstory.html>).
- San Diego also has a history of creating and preserving parks that serve the whole community yet used primarily by a few constituencies. For example, there is the Robb Field Skate Park, Coronado Skate Park, Balboa Park, and Chicano Park. Fiesta Island currently happens to be one that has been historical left alone to serve the pet community as well as cyclists, beach pit party enthusiasts all of whom enjoy the relatively undeveloped and natural state of the island.

In conclusion Option B is the more prudent choice towards fulfilling the state public notice intent of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update.

Thank you in advance as I appreciate your time in reviewing my comments and I have optimism that they will be included in the final EIR. In addition, I look forward to having the opportunity to review the final EIR. I would also like to have the chance to be present when a final decision is deliberated and made.

Best,

Dr. Carl M. Rebman Jr.
San Diego, CA 92110

From: [Andi Ramer](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:44:08 PM

Hi,

I am writing to show my support of Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment.

I enjoy the fenced off leash dog area on Fiesta Island 2-3 times a week. It allows me and my dog to get alot of open space and good exercise, and I do not have to worry about my dog's safety from cars or running away.

Any additional road, fences or amphitheater would ruin this amazing space for many locals that enjoy this space on a daily basis.

There are ample OTHER areas on Fiesta for expansion or changes. Please LEAVE OUR FENCED OFF LEASH AREA ALONE!!

Thank you,
Andi Ramer

From: [Andrea M Lapinski](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Cheryl Ringer](#); info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:08:35 PM

We are writing as long-term dog owners in San Diego. We would be absolutely devastated if Fiesta Island did not have a dog friendly, contained, off leash dog beach. We honestly would not know what to do and plead with you to prove to us as tax payers, that San Diego is dog friendly and keep a part of Fiesta Island natural and filled with happy dogs running around doing do stuff. Stop developing San Diego, let it be and PRESERVE FIESTA ISLAND. Please, please, please...

Thank you.
Dr. Cheryl Ringer
Andrea Lapinski

From: [Lynn Reizer-Heftmann](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:25:36 PM

I support Option B! There is no better and safer place for people to enjoy getting their exercise whether it's walking, running, or biking than in the fenced-in area of Fiesta Island. Building yet another boat launching area and its accompanying road will ruin the integrity of this rare feature by bringing cars, people, and animals into a dangerous mixed-use situation. There is already an incredible amount of vehicular traffic on Fiesta Island that threatens the safety of runners, bikers, walkers, and others. I've even seen people just enjoying a campfire or walking along the water's edge threatened by over-zealous drivers of 4WD vehicles. It's time San Diego uses tax dollars wisely instead of building something that is not only not needed, but wasteful of precious resources.

Lynn Reizer- Heftmann
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From: [Ian Marshall](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:16:06 PM

Please adopt Option B for The Mission bay park master plan update.

My girlfriend and I (and our lovely dog!) go to Fiesta Island often to exercise our dog. If the dog park is fully removed, we would no longer venture to Fiesta Island or the surrounding Areas.

Is getting rid of and managing the foxtails important?
Yes, Certainly.

Do you want it to stay intact for your exercise and recreation and not divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater?
Preferably.

Please keep Fiesta Island as dog friendly as possible.

Thanks.

Ian Marshall
Paralegal

From: [karina.fernandez](mailto:karina.fernandez@planning.ceqa.ca.gov)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:44:11 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in regards to supporting adopting option B for Fiesta Island.

I moved to San Diego about two years ago with my Boxer and I got introduced to Fiesta Island by a friend of mine who lives here. From the first visit my Boxer loved it, not only because it's an off-leash park but because of the size of the park. We both have so much room to walk/run in, meet so many other dogs and of course the fact that he can swim on the bay is the best. There's really no other dog park to compare Fiesta Island to, this is one unique amazing dog park and because of this my dog and I come every weekend (literally summer and winter).

I have introduced Fiesta Island to many other people with dogs and they all love it as well. I would hate to see this area be used for something other than exercise and recreation with your dog and/or be divided at all. There's really no other place like this in the area and for that I really hope it remains that way.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion and concern.

Sincerely,

Devoted Fiesta Islander

Karina & Bane

From: [Tiffany Altmann](mailto:Tiffany.Altmann@planning.ceqa.org)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@planning.ceqa.org)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:14:26 PM

I am writing in support of Option B regarding keeping the Fiesta Island area intact and increasing the fenced, off-leash area.

Born and raised in San Diego, I've spent decades utilizing the recreation areas of Fiesta Island. Sailing, biking, taking an evening stroll with man's best friend I've met so many travelers who openly share what a unique place Fiesta is, how grateful they are to experience open space unrestricted from huge parking lots and mostly a place all members of the family including the furry four legged kind can enjoy together.

All my life I've enjoyed sports and the companionship of dogs and Fiesta offers the best of both worlds. My pups are rescues and at Fiesta learned socialization skills, recall training, and confidence. I enjoy that after a long day at work, both my dogs and I can enjoy the great outdoors and maintain a healthy lifestyle together. It is a large part of what makes San Diego so unique.

More importantly, the city has grown substantially since I was a kid and the availability of single family homes with reasonable outdoor space is severely limited. Many families rely on the public off leash space to properly exercise their pets especially those in attached units such as condos and apartments. Animals that are not properly exercised and socialized can cause unwanted and completely avoidable consequences.

I urge the City of San Diego and all parties affiliated with the decisions supporting Option B to review the housing impacts, diversified recreation and environmental impacts especially on the birds that nest on the island and make the choice to keep Fiesta the amazing open and unrestricted space that it is.

Tiffany Altmann

92109

From: [Erik Kerckhoff](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 5:18:48 PM

As a someone who visits the Fiesta Island Leash Free Dog Park twice a week, I have reviewed Option A and Option B, and compared them to the present park (which meets all my needs, and judging by the number of other users there, the needs of a vast number of other users as well).

Both Option A and Option B will cost more money to construct and maintain than the current situation. Has this been properly budgeted for? Have all sewers/water mains/roads/pension funds for the City of San Diego already been paid for and this is "excess money" that needs to be used? Or will this be like so many other projects in the city that get started but either never finished, or finished but not maintained (becoming an eye-sore and a nuisance)?

Option A has some aspects that boggle the mind:

- How much is all that construction going to cost? How much has been budgeted for cost overruns? Will the construction affect the Least Terns, and have those lawsuits been budgeted for?
- Will the (undoubtedly beautiful) restrooms become hang-outs for homeless people, as they are at Ocean Beach? Does the City really have to learn this lesson again? Will the restrooms be connected to the City sewer system?
- Does the City really need another amphitheater? The current amphitheater in Balboa Park (the Starlight Bowl) is not exactly fully booked, is it? Nor do City budgets appear to be capable of maintaining the Starlight Bowl, let alone an additional amphitheater on a deserted Fiesta Island, far from tourists, customers, and the Park & Rec people needed to maintain it. And who thought the mix of a noisy amphitheater with dogs was a great idea?
- How will vandalism be averted? Will there be guards at night? The current Porta-Potties on Fiesta Island are tipped over by miscreants on a regular basis. Does the City have a plan to avoid mischief/destruction of more expensive facilities? How will the homeless people that currently live in RVs on Fiesta Island be kept out?
- There's a Public Swimming Beach planned in the middle of the Leash-Free Shoreline Parkland. Although most dogs and most children are well-behaved, how long until the antagonism/fights/lawsuits start? Has the City learned nothing from the La Jolla Children's Pool? And will the Lifeguard Tower here have the same problems as the one at the Children's Pool (see the Union-Tribune article for reference here: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/watchdog/sd-me-lifeguard-towers-20161008-htm1story.html> ? Is it sanitary to have little kids playing on a beach with canine fecal matter?
- Similar comments apply to the Boat Club. I like boats. I do not believe that boats belong in the *middle* of a dog park. The current waterski area works because it is adjacent to, but not in the middle of the dog park. One of the dogs I walk with on Fiesta Island has a bad shoulder joint, so he prefers to walk in the water. We walk all along the eastern and southern beach of the dog park in the water, which helps support his body weight *and* keeps his shoulder cool and therefore pain-free. This walk would now force us to go right through both the Public Swimming Beach and the Non-Motorized Launching Beach areas on Option A.

- The 1 km swimming course looks wonderful. I take it these swimmers will be protected from the motorboats/jet skis/rowing boats by magic? And neither this magic device nor the resulting lawsuits will cost the City taxpayers any money? And the water-skiers will still be able to get to the water-ski area?
- Who will maintain the turf areas indicated on the plan? Have you been to the dog parks in Balboa Park recently? Nate's Point, Morley Field and Grape Street have all had the grass die due to a combination of bad soil, over-watering, and wrong type of grass used. Do you think Park & Rec will do a better job on Fiesta Island? How much water will that cost, and is the water main already there, or will that be an expensive add-on?

Option B appears to be a lot closer to the current situation, and will therefore be substantially lower cost both to construct and maintain. I'm still not sure it's much of an improvement over the current situation (how dilapidated will the "View Pavilion" and "Pedestrian Bridge" be after a few budget cuts?), but at least it's not as much of a boondoggle as option A. There's something to be said for keeping a few areas of San Diego "undeveloped"... The dogs, dog owners, City taxpayers and the rabbits and Least Terns prefer it that way!

Regards,

Erik Kerckhoff
City of San Diego resident, taxpayer, dog park user

From: [Samantha Trujillo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:32:45 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of "Option B: Fido's Plan" in regards to Fiesta Island at Mission Bay Park. This off-leash park is incredibly important to my family. It allows for my dog to get ample exercise in a safe space. This area is regularly used for human exercise, as well. My family has the opportunity to exercise together (dog included!) at this location. As a health professional, I can appreciate the area for its promotion of physical activity. It is incredibly important for this area to remain as is, with no added roads to break up the area. In the EIR, I would like to see the quality of the water analyzed to maintain safe conditions. I hope the outcome of the Mission Bay master plan is in the best interest of the community and health!

Best regards,
Samantha Trujillo, (zipcode: 92128)

From: [Felicia Young](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: Info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:22:08 PM

Hello,

I am writing to share with you how important Fiesta Island is to me, my friends, and my dog. I would like it to stay intact as it is now, not divided by a road, fences, an amphitheater, etc., and preserved for off-leash dog use. Additionally, it is an important place for human use.

Since we adopted our dog, Bailey, seven years ago, we often spend our lunch time or weekend evenings at Fiesta Island. Bailey loves to run off leash, and I am thankful that there is a safe place near our house that allows her to stretch her legs so to speak. I love that there are so many trail options as well as the beach. She loves to run into the waves and along the sand. It is truly her happy place. The fenced, off-leash area has been one of our regular outings over the years, and we go there year round.

My concern is the overgrowth of dangerous fox tails at this time of year. A few years ago, I heard the notorious foxtail sneeze as Bailey got one up her nose. Unfortunately it was a Friday evening which meant a trip to the emergency vet in Mission Valley (and a very expensive bill because she needed to be put under anesthesia to have it removed). For the safety of all the dogs who frequent Fiesta Island, I think it is important to eliminate these dangerous foxtails that can cause serious health complications to dogs.

When my friends and I decided to run the SD Rock and Roll half marathon a few years ago, we did all of our training runs at Fiesta Island. We loved that the road was flat and was able to be shared with cars, runners, and cyclists alike. It was the perfect place for us to train, and now I am able to do short and longer fun runs there.

Fiesta Island is such an important part of the dog community as well their human companions. Please establish Fiesta Island as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Felicia Young (and Bailey)

From: [Steph Leif](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 8:37:24 AM

Please consider option B - leaving the dog area intact!

I take my kids and my dog to the dog park on Fiesta Island nearly every weekend when we have good weather (which is most weekends in San Diego). We go to this dog park because it is big and gives everyone (kids and dogs) plenty of room to run around.

Please do not "develop" this great park. It is great right now.

I encourage you to go out especially on a weekend and look how many people and dogs are having a great time with the park just as it is. I think you could easily structure all of the uses your plan A talks about without building a bunch of stuff and especially without building a road through the present park.

Plan A stinks. It's expensive, it doesn't provide a great benefit to the community and it ruins a world-class dog park.

Sincerely,

Steph Leif

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From: wildworld6@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:43:02 PM

Rebecca Malone,
Environmental Planner,
Planning Department, City of San Diego, MS 413,
1010 Second Ave, Suite 1200, East Tower,
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Please choose Option B

Dear Rebecca Malone:

I am a native San Diegan and a dog lover of over 60 years. The Fiesta Island off leash area is a fabulous location for quality outdoor activity with my beloved dogs.

It just doesn't get any better than an afternoon at the bay park area for fresh air and play with my dogs in a secure and safe area where they can run freely without a leash as dogs love to do.

There are so many other folks that love this jewel of a dog park also. My guests from out of town look forward to visiting Fiesta Island with their dog, and is one of the reasons they visit San Diego so often. My daughter and some of her friends meet at Fiesta Island with their pups for outdoor exercise often. I pray that the area remains for my grandchildren and their dogs and other generations to come.

I know there have been several proposals to change this special area that would divide it, build on it, or alter it to be unsuitable for its current and long standing use for "dogs and dog people".

There are plenty of other water front areas for many other activities. Please keep this area as pristine as it is, for there is no other place like it. We love it, undeveloped, environmentally friendly, and as native as it is!

Save development money — please support and choose Option B.

Pauline White
4620 Alvarado Canyon Rd
San Diego, CA, 92120

From: [Jo Leon](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:40:53 PM

To whom it may concern,

I have been notified about the possible changes that may be done to the Fiesta Island Off-leash dog park. I am emailing you because I support Fido's option B. I believe that this is a very special place for many people. It is a beautiful area that allows dogs and their owners to enjoy the outdoors while bonding. When I was looking for apartments I made sure that I found one near a dog friendly area. Most families have dogs and believe that they are like family. That is why it is imperative that the few dog off-leash areas be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you,
Johana Leon

From: [Sharon Seibert](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:02:50 PM

We need to OPTION B!!!

To: PlanningCEQA@san Diego.gov
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

As a resident of San Diego, zip code 92139, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
<http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

Dr. Sharon Seibert
www.SeibertChiro.com
Do something healthy everyday.
Sent from my iPad

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From: [Serena Hart](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 11:34:54 PM

Ms. Malone and to whom it may concern:

My name is Serena Hart. I am 23 years old and a newly established resident of Pacific Beach as of February 1st.

When I first moved here, with my dog, I was told about "Doggy Disneyland" (Fiesta Island Dog Park). I used to live off of W. Point Loma Blvd & Bacon, just 5 minutes from Dog Beach, yet I found myself driving to Fiesta Island at least 3 times a week.

Fiesta island is unique to Mission Bay (and San Diego for that matter) because it is truly the farthest away from speeding vehicles, large waves (as at dog beach), and San Diego's ever growing traffic. Sometimes I have always noticed is that the 25 MPH speed limit is honored by EVERY SINGLE DRIVER on the island. That happens absolutely no where else in all of San Diego county. This respect of the island, its runners, bikers, and dog owners is one-of-a-kind. To take this away would be cruel.

I work over at a touristy seafood restaurant on Coronado Island, and we have a dog friendly patio. There is not a single dog owner guest of mine that I do not INSIST on going to Fiesta Island while visiting San Diego. The wild flowers and tall green grass during the spring is so beautiful. In the early mornings, after a long or bad day, I've come at sunrise to catch a glimpse of its early morning beauty. Other early risers greet me with a smile and quiet, friendly conversation. We enjoy the tranquility of this little piece of heaven, in the midst of an ever-growing city.

Please do not change this park. Do not change the island. We NEED to stop the expansion somewhere, so why not with this small, little island that San Diegans have grown to love.

Build downtown. Expand elsewhere. But keep our beautiful little island the way it is!

I SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you for your time,
Serena Hart

From: [Jessica Collins](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:40:01 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am new to CA but I have to say, when my friend took me to Fiesta Island, I was in awe. I told all my friends who have dogs just how amazing this dog park is. What a great addition to a city!

When I went to the Balboa Park Earth Day festivities I was alerted about the plan to change the Fiesta Island Dog Park. Why on Earth would you want to ruin a good thing? Cities need things that set them apart and that make people remember them by! Don't be one of those places where the taxes keep going up and the free open spaces get smaller.

This space is vital to the wellbeing of humans and dogs alike. Please consider just how magical this space is and keep it just the way it is! The future of your city depends on your direct action. Keep San Diego Special!

Thank You,
Jessica Collins

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Keri Ballog](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:59:41 PM

I SUPPORT OPTION B!

Developing Fiesta Island will change the area forever. As of now, locals love the laid back feeling of Fiesta Island. It's an area where locals can go, hang out with their pets, friends and enjoy a relaxing day at the park. Free of traffic and the over load of tourists. It's one of the only places in San Diego where you and your pet and truly roam free, play on the sandy beaches and run around in the grass. The dogs aren't crammed into a smaller fenced area where aggression and fights occur. Fiesta Island Dog Park has been voted the #1 dog park in the United States. If you cut down the size and put a road through the middle of it. We will lose that title. We have plenty of developed beaches, bike paths, and rental places in San Diego. You can see some of them across the bay from Fiesta Island. If you develop the dog park, you will not only take that area away from the pets but the feel of Fiesta Island will change. By developing the dog park, there will be more traffic, the cyclists will no longer to easily be able to practice their large group rides around the island. Imagine the traffic from the Over the Line competition year-round. The people that enjoy fires under the stars will now be inundated with lights from the parking lot and noise from the businesses. There will no longer be the outdoor feel and fresh air. We will now have the pollution coming from all of the extra cars and buildings. What about the wildlife that lives in the park? It will now be displaced. Why doesn't the city add the features to the already developed mission bay area that are right across the bay from Fiesta Island. They already have parking lots, restrooms, electricity, running water. Adding the bike path and rental places would be an easy addition vs. taking over virtually the last un-developed place in San Diego. The locals deserve to keep this little slice of heaven that we refer to as the "Disney Land of Dog Parks". I've heard time and time again from visitors that they wish their city's had an undeveloped area like Fiesta Island. How much will the city NOW have to pay to maintain the developed area? Currently the upkeep is virtually free. What will you do about the festivals and runs that are currently held at Fiesta Island? My dogs enjoy coming here several times a week. They get to run leash free as I get to enjoy my leash free 2 mile run with in the dog park. There is no other place in San Diego that I can do that. My dog's learned how to swim here as well as have their first birthday parties here. We come here about 4 times a week for our workouts. I adopted them as puppies and they are now 8 years old. Please don't take this park that's filled with many wonderful memories away from us. Please establish this park as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully,
Keri Ballog
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Mobile: [\(330\) 554-1833](tel:(330)554-1833)

From: trinket@san.rr.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:47:01 PM

I am writing to ask you to choose Option B for Fiesta Island (FIDO's plan).

Fiesta Island is one of the few remaining areas in San Diego that is not built up and over-planned, and that's why the popular website, 10best.com, selected it as the best dog park in the country last year. My dogs and I love going to Fiesta Island, where they can safely run long distance and swim. It is by far our favorite dog beach. It is also one of the few places people can go for exercise without dodging traffic and inhaling city-levels of smog and other pollution.

Additionally, Fiesta Island is home to many native species of plants, including some that are considered "sensitive" due to the fact that the most of the dunes in which they live are being developed. There are also several bird species that live in the grasses and mudflats of Fiesta Island which would leave if Fiesta Island is developed.

Traffic on Fiesta Island on the weekends can be challenging even today - if it is further developed, traffic will become far worse, and the smog, noise and light pollution will build quickly. I certainly won't want to jog or play with my dogs if I have to battle traffic, listen to engines and radios blasting, and smell exhaust. Developing this piece of land will take away its beauty, and I, for one, will be far less likely to use it.

The one thing I would like to see done, however, is better maintenance to keep deadly foxtails under control on the island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joanne Boyd
San Diego, CA 92111

From: [Sonja Donahue](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:47:36 PM

HI,

My dog Freya and I are regulars on Fiesta Island Off Leash Dog Area. We have been coming regularly for the last 2 years. At fist I brought my dog as puppy just to let her run off leash and interact with other dogs, but then I discovered it is really a lovely place to walk and to run or to just take a break from my endless “To Do List”. This last spring provided such an amazing display of flowers and foliage (I hadn’t seen the like the previous year)- I really enjoyed being there— it was like I was in the “wild” for a brief moment. It is a wonderful place, an amazing asset to the city, AS IS or expanded for both humans and dogs. It is a safe place to contemplate or to be social, a chance for dogs to roam but also remain with their human and a place to just take a break from the traffic and hustle of life — not a difficult escape, i.e. a 45 min drive in traffic to get to, but right in the heart of the city— a city, you can see just over the bay. It is extremely important to keep open spaces in a city— non-commercial and not for profit— in a healthy society. Please vote for Option B! Sonja Donahue 4554 Ariane Way San Diego 92117



From: [Stephanie Oba](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Fidosd Info](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 9:18:49 PM

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in behalf of the off leash dog and park for Fiesta Island. In general, I oppose all development to Fiesta Island. I feel that the public is being betrayed by developing the island. The entire island should be kept as an off leash area. This was the compromise when the rest of Mission Bay waterfront banned dogs during peak hours.

However, as corporations, money, and never ending growth demand it, our last piece of dog bliss is going away. The off leash dog park needs to be kept as large as possible and without vehicular traffic. We are already losing the rest of the island. A road through the off leash area and multiple inadequate fencing are not safe for dogs and people. This would be a liability to our beautiful City. As a veterinarian, hit by cars are a common emergency that we see DAILY in the emergency rooms. The road through the park puts the city/county at a huge liability for legal actions as a result of vehicular accidents. Common sense dictates that the road needs to be OUTSIDE the dog park.

This park is a gem in San Diego and I would like it to stay as intact as possible. Having a place to go with the dogs near water is irreplaceable. Dogs and humans need natural habitats to play in for health, both physically and mentally. Having large amounts of acreage to roam, play, and swim in are necessary for our well being. As a resident, I use this island weekly. My quality of life would be dramatically reduced if the park was to disappear. Please reconsider the city's plan to divide and break up the off leash dog park. I support Fiesta Island Dog Organization's recommendation for the off leash dog park.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Oba
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Kate Kirby](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:44:23 PM

I support Option B of no further development of Fiesta Island. There are very few undeveloped open spaces left in San Diego and Fiesta Island is a rare jewel. I use it for the off leash dog area--it's the only place in San Diego county that I can easily access for an off leash walk with my dogs. Most of the off leash dog areas in the city and county are just small pens; Fiesta Island is the rare place where dog owners can get exercise along with their dogs. Please keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Katharine Kirby
92105

From: [Rosanna Santos](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:26:54 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am providing input the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment. I believe the area should remain as is and hope to see the following types of impact analyses:

- Should the city study the impact of mowing more frequently to control foxtails?
- What impact on noise, air, land, and more would building a road across the area have?
- What impact on traffic would increased visitors to Fiesta Island have?

I regularly use Fiesta island for the Dog Beach. I reside in Rancho Bernardo (11313 Matinal Circle, San Diego, CA 92127) and commute to dog beach almost daily for my own enjoyment and for the health and fitness of myself, my daughter and our dog. Being able to visit a place where have an off leash area to truly enjoy being dogs right on the water, it's quintessential San Diego. This is the reputation you want San Diego to have - a place that allows for nature and joy to be the priority.

I'd also like to support the idea of a study to evaluate the best way to get rid of the foxtails in the area...the mowing seems to make the problem worse so perhaps a different approach could be analyzed in the EIR (Environmental Impact Report).

Thanks,
Rosanna Santos
619 654 0629

From: [Libby PW Ehlers](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:31:51 PM

Hi,

I am a San Diegan who greatly values the resource for pet owners that FI has for years. It is a special place unique to this city.

I support Option B and hope to minimally develop the area so that San Diegans and their dogs have this special place to go to for years to come.

Thanks,
Libby Ehlers

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Libby Williamson Ehlers, MSc.

"In wildness is the preservation of the world" --Henry David Thoreau

From: [Leslie Seiger](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:24:55 PM
Importance: High

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

"Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users.

"Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I strongly oppose Option A as it would permanently degrade and reduce a unique and heavily used area benefitting many San Diegans. It is my understanding that this would benefit very few at a great loss to many.

I am a regular user of the Fiesta Island Dog Park (2-3 times a week for the past decade or longer). I have introduced many friends to this area and they too have become frequent users. We bring our dogs, we socialize, we exercise with our dogs. It is the ONLY off leash dog park of this size and nature. The size alone allows the area to accommodate many dogs with little friction. A reduction in size would likely lead to more safety concerns as are seen at other off leash areas in addition to reducing enjoyment for so many.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

Option A would most certainly NOT meet the intent to respect long term uses and likely would not meet other intents either.

I strongly urge you to ADOPT OPTION B and NOT option A for the benefit of the majority of users.

Sincerely,

Leslie Seiger
3958 Atascadero Dr
San Diego CA 92107-2633

From: [Delia Ye](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 8:59:57 PM

Dear San Diego City Planning,

We recently read about the city's fiesta island re-planning process and we would like to strongly protest any further development on Fiesta island. Our family has been enjoying fiesta island almost every week since we moved here 8 years ago. Not only is it the best off leash dog park in the country, it is also the best place for jogging, walking or relaxing for the entire family.

The current layout allow both humans and dogs to enjoy some unspoiled open space together, especially the long stretch of trails along the beach, which might be the last piece of such happiness for many of San Diego families like us. Adding more fences and roads will introduce unnecessary traffic, shrink the park size and restrict activity for both humans and our best friends.

We do not want another neighborhood dog park, we want to keep our country's best dog park for all San Diegans.

Please consider "option B" to keep our off leash dog park intact and never threaten to take it away from us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Delia, Devon and Robbi

From: [Tejcka Tech](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:36:47 PM

To: City of San Diego, Planning Department
Attn: Rebecca Malone, Senior Planner

I quote from the following statement in your notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The sentence above describes Option B without exception and therefore I strongly support Option B for the development of the fenced, off-leash area on Fiesta Island.

There is no other large, open area where we can exercise with our off-leash dogs in all of Southern California. We need to keep this area open and undivided by roads, fences, an amphitheater and boating facility. This is as much about the humans as it is the dogs.

Given the huge problem of obesity in San Diego, anything the City of San Diego can do to encourage exercise should be a priority. If you go to the fenced area, you will see people and families exercising with their dogs. It is not like the small neighborhood dog parks where people sit on benches and drink coffee while the dogs play. Everyone in our area is actively exercising.

San Diego has steadily eliminated most of its open space. There is no other place where we can still walk, run or bike safely and legally with our off-leash dogs. This fenced area is a refuge in the middle of a developed city where humans and their dogs can try to maintain physical and mental health. We NEED open, undeveloped space.

I lived in Pacific Beach during the October, 2007 wildfires. I can still remember the sounds of the horses and other livestock that came from Fiesta Island across the bay. I was so impressed that the City of San Diego had a vast, fenced, open space where it could safely evacuate large animals. An open-space Fiesta Island is an incredible asset and once it is divided up, that is gone forever.

Fiesta Island was recently voted Best Dog Park in the United States. What a great thing to be known for!

I beg you to consider the following environmental impacts and make the wise decision for future generations to maintain the large open space that is Fiesta Island:

- 1. Please evaluate the environmental impact that bulldozing the berm and soil to create a swimming beach at the south end of the area will have. To create a swimming beach, they will have to bring in tons of non-native sand. What impact/risks will that have on the existing flora and fauna?***
- 2. Please study the effect that the use of watering and maintaining the grass planned for the area will have. Southern California is a desert and water-***

hogging grass areas must be kept to a minimum.

- 3. How will increasing density on the island affect traffic flow? Hopefully traffic studies will be done to show how it will be impacted.*
- 4. Regarding the Least Tern protected habitat adjacent to our off-leash area, the Audubon Society has said that having picnic tables and trash cans in the vicinity of the Tern area will draw crows and other predator birds into the area. These predators eat the Tern eggs and chicks. Having the large off-leash park in the area will prevent any food or trash that may attract these predators.*
- 5. Please analyze the impact of an large number of increased special events that will be brought onto the island and the impact on the environment, traffic, aesthetics, noise as well as the cost of build-out and maintenance of necessary public services (restrooms, trash, etc.) that will be necessary for these events.*
- 6. Please analyze the financial savings that would be incurred if the paddlers were placed on South Shore, where the infrastructure they specifically said they needed already exists versus recreating the same expensive infrastructure directly across the channel on Fiesta Island.*
- 7. Please consider a fox-tail eradication plan for this area as fox-tails represent a grave health risk to dogs.*

Thank you for considering this request.

Kevin Anderson

3934 Sequoia Street

San Diego CA 92109

From: [Brittany Scerini](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:14:07 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing so that I may voice my opinion on the matter of the Fiesta Island dog park recreation. If I were to really summarize my thoughts on the project, I'd have to say I support Plan B, but if it were possible, could we keep the obstacle course and canine event area, with restroom, rinse station, and water fountains.

I have overlooked the Plan A carefully to see what it offers to island frequenters and their canines, and this is what I concluded: I believe Plan A takes away too much of the island for human use.

Dividing the recreational off-leash area with a road to add in a playground seems particularly redundant to me. Mission Bay is a large area, it hosts several playgrounds already and I don't think we need another one. I also have some concerns about children being around dogs. Parents don't always teach their children how to approach stranger's pets, and I don't want either the children or dogs to be injured when an unsupervised child goes sprinting for a dog hug and causes an alarmed dog to run away or bite.

In regards to the watercraft area, both the storage and the launching ramp, I believe this would be a poor location for them. I think it would better serve watercraft and swimmers if the boat launch, and therefore storage, were located facing toward Crown Point, if possible. It will cause fewer swimmer-vs-boat incidents, and keep the swimming area calmer, and thus safer, especially for smaller dogs. It's also less likely to disturb the endangered nesting area, and keep the water conditions cleaner near that area.

As to the addition of the Amphitheater, while not inherently opposed I don't particularly see a reason it should be added in this location. This returns to the primary issue of taking space away from the dog park for human use. I do like the idea of the Amphitheater, but I don't like the idea of having to reduce off-leash space for it. I'd like to know more about what sort of events would be hosted in this area, and if they are intended to bring revenue to the island, to have a full understanding before criticizing any further.

Finally, I worry most about duration. This is a lot of renovation for the area, and a lot of it we, those of us who frequent the island, don't really need. I worry about not being able to take my dog walking on Fiesta for months. In an area like San Diego, that's a heavy blow. I'd much prefer it if we kept the south point as grassland and re-opened Fiesta to park-goers much sooner. *I admit this is assuming the park will be closed during reconstruction.

Now those are the negatives, and I've spent a lot of time considering them, so it'd be unfair of me to say I didn't see some positive ideas in Plan A. There are some dog-oriented plans that encompass human comfort and conveniences and I find them very much in the spirit of the park as it is now.

The obstacle course and canine event area sound *fantastic!* I have always wanted to let my dog run an agility course but I have no space to put one. It'd also be amazing to be able to attend dog shows and talk to trainers better than myself.

The restroom, fountains, and rinse station, these are all perfect ideas. My dog has a long, double thick coat, and even if she's not swimming it gets full of sand. The rinse station is perfect for her. The fountains will be better than hauling 5-15 jugs of water out to the middle of the park, and those sometimes run out before the day is over. Access to water could be a literal lifesaver on hot days. Restroom: self-explanatory.

Adding dog-friendly equipment to the dog park settles well with me. Fiesta is the highest rated dog park in the US, as is. This would really make the park sit up and speak, if you can pardon the metaphor. We don't need a whole area dedicated to more human habitation, the whole of Mission Bay already does that. We could, however, do with a few more comforts such as flushing toilets and available water on hot days, and it couldn't hurt to add a little flare.

In conclusion: I support Plan B, but if compromise is available, keep the obstacle course and canine event area, with restroom, rinse station, and water fountains.

From: [La Monica Everett-Haynes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:40:43 PM

Dear Rebecca Malone and other members of the City of San Diego's Planning Department,

Thank you for taking public comments regarding plans for Fiesta Island.

As new residents of San Diego who take our pups (a 7-year-old rescue and an 11-year-old Min Pin) to Fiesta Island on a weekly basis, we are asking that you accept Option B for FIDO's Plan.

Yes, the city offers numerous dog parks -- but Fiesta Island is such a unique space, and it encourages community in a way that dog parks often do not. We love and appreciate its location, its size, the way it encourages physical activity, its feeling of safety and its access to both trails and water -- all in one location. It benefits those with dogs, and even though without pups.

To emphasize: Not only is the spacious location excellent for socializing dogs (including nervous, unsocialized dogs) given its wide open space and varied landscape, it also encourages physical activity and collegiality. It offers excellent ways to have a wonderful workout alongside our pups, and with other pet-friendly people and families. And it also offers an amazing reprieve from busy city life without having to drive such a long distance to reach the mountains or other low-cost recreational areas. While at Fiesta Island, we find that is easy to find areas for quiet time, which aids with rejuvenation, even when the park is busy.

Related to efforts to preserve elements of the public good at a time of increased costs required for enjoying open and public spaces, Fiesta Island is such a gem. We also appreciate that, given its accessibility, people of different backgrounds and abilities frequent the park. We love seeing seniors out walking with their dogs. Young children are often seen frolicking with their pups. We have seen pups who are rehabilitating or are in training. And we have often seen people -- of varied ages -- running and jogging with their dogs.

It is a growing rarity to have a free/low-cost option that encourages family outings, community engagement and individual health -- all of which aid in the overall health of the city.

Thus, we ask that you please protect and preserve the off-leash park by choosing Option B.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Best,

La Monica Everett and Paloma Zuniga

The purpose of this public comment period is to provide input on what will be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report with respect to these potential impact areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Historical and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems

So here are some suggestions on making specific comments:

-- Specify what kind of impact analysis you would like to see. For example, should the city study the impact of mowing more frequently to control foxtails? What impact on noise, air, land, and more would building a road across the area have? What impact on traffic would increased visitors to Fiesta Island have?

-- Do you have any information related to the analysis of impacts that you can provide?

-- Do you have any recommendations for alternatives (land use scenario, location, etc.) to be considered with the Draft EIR?

Also: -- What are your regular uses of the area? Please be sure to include at least your ZIP code, and preferably your entire address, in your comments. That's important, since this is a regional park and your comments are public and may eventually be considered by the statewide Coastal Commission.

From: [Sue](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:19:01 PM

I support option B. Please keep Fiesta Island dog park in its current state.

Regards,
San Diego Dog Owner
Sue Sandoval

From: [Michael Ellison](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 6:45:35 PM

CEQA Team,

Fiesta Island's dog park is our weekly family getaway. It is the only place in San Diego where we can take our dogs and actually run **WITH** them freely for miles at a time. Last weekend I was literally racing with my dog Zoe as my wife and other dog Ella jogged together. We can't do this anywhere else. That's why we love Fiesta Island. Not only is it where our dogs get their exercise of running and playing in the ocean with fellow canines, its a place where my wife and I get to spend time together after a long work week. That's why we support Option B and keeping the dog park intact! We don't need more roads and fences. We definitely don't need another amphitheater that will seldom be used. We need to preserve the history and culture that already exist at Fiesta. Option B provides the best alternative to enhance the natural experience so many already know and love. Lets also make sure the environmental impact report analyzes the impact of managing the harmful foxtails on the island. We need to make sure the park stays safe for our four-legged friends.

See you on May 23rd.

Mike Ellison

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Mike Ellison

From: [Deborah Sato](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:33:58 PM

I am a regular user of the fiesta island dog park, I am in support of option B. I would like to see that all individuals that use this area are considered when deciding how to improve the space as there are many dog owners using this area daily. My address is 378 Sierra Way, Chula Vista 91911.

Thank you for your time,
Deborah Sato

From: [Rodney Irvine](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:56:17 PM

Good Morning,

Plan B of the Fiesta Island Amendment is import to implement because the property is used by many elderly and handicapped citizens. My husband is legally handicapped and the ability to walk our dogs off leash allows us to exercise many more hours as my husband uses a cane. This property is not only important to the dogs of San Diego it allows a place for the elderly to exercise. The many trails allow for hours of safe exercise, to reduce the size of Fiesta Island dog park would greatly impact its use by the elderly, the space allows for easy access and use for families, dogs, and senior citizens to share a common space.

We use the park at least 5 days a week and recognize many of the same people using it daily with us. It also allows the dog walkers a place to manage 6 dogs without impeding the streets of San Diego. We encourage to you finally make Fiesta Island Dog Park official for the guaranteed use for its dogs and citizens alike.

Thank you,

Rodney and Maureen Irvine

1970 Columbia St.

San Diego, Ca. 92101

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Pauline Presson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:08:32 PM

To: City of San Diego, Planning Department Attn: Rebecca Malone, Senior Planner

I quote from the following statement in your notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The sentence above describes Option B without exception and therefore I strongly support Option B for the development of the fenced, off-leash area on Fiesta Island.

There is no other large, open area where we can exercise with our off-leash dogs in all of Southern California. We need to keep this area open and undivided by roads, fences, an amphitheater and boating facility. This is as much about the humans as it is the dogs.

As an elementary school nurse, I know that 25-30% of elementary-age children are overweight or obese. This is a public health nightmare and anything the City of San Diego can do to encourage exercise should be a priority. If you go to the fenced area, you will see people and families exercising with their dogs. It is not like the small neighborhood dog parks where people sit on benches and drink coffee while the dogs play. Everyone in our area is actively exercising.

San Diego has steadily eliminated most of its open space. There is no other place where we can still walk, run or bike safely and legally with our off-leash dogs. This fenced area is a refuge in the middle of a developed city where humans and their dogs can try to maintain physical and mental health. We NEED open, undeveloped space.

I lived in Pacific Beach during the October, 2007 wildfires. I can still remember the sounds of the horses and other livestock that came from Fiesta Island across the bay. I was so impressed that the City of San Diego had a vast, fenced, open space where it could safely evacuate large animals. An open-space Fiesta Island is an incredible asset and once it is divided up, that is gone forever.

Fiesta Island was recently voted Best Dog Park in the United States. What a great thing to be known for!

I beg you to consider the following environmental impacts and make the wise decision for future generations to maintain the large open space that is Fiesta Island:

1. Please evaluate the environmental impact that bulldozing the berm and soil to create a swimming beach at the south end of the area will have. To create a swimming beach, they will have to bring in tons of non-native sand. What impact/risks will that have on the existing flora and fauna?

2. Please study the effect that the use of watering and maintaining the grass planned for the area will have. Southern California is a desert and water-hogging grass areas must be kept to a minimum.
3. ***How will increasing density on the island affect traffic flow? Hopefully traffic studies will be done to show how it will be impacted.***
4. ***Regarding the Least Tern protected habitat adjacent to our off-leash area, the Audubon Society has said that having picnic tables and trash cans in the vicinity of the Tern area will draw crows and other predator birds into the area. These predators eat the Tern eggs and chicks. Having the large off-leash park in the area will prevent any food or trash that may attract these predators.***
5. Please analyze the impact of an large number of increased special events that will be brought onto the island and the impact on the environment, traffic, aesthetics, noise as well as the cost of build-out and maintenance of necessary public services (restrooms, trash, etc.) that will be necessary for these events.
6. Please analyze the financial savings that would be incurred if the paddlers were placed on South Shore, where the infrastructure they specifically said they needed already exists versus recreating the same expensive infrastructure directly across the channel on Fiesta Island.
7. Please consider a fox-tail eradication plan for this area as fox-tails represent a grave health risk to dogs.

Thank you for considering this request.

Pauline Presson, RN/MSN

3066 Sunset Canyon Dr.

San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Stuart G](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:57:56 AM

Hello,

Please preserve The Fiesta Island Dog Park. It is a city gem. I love the rough unspoiled feeling with views to the cityscape downtown. I appreciate the trash service and dog bags. I like that you park on the sand.

It is well used by many people at a low cost. Please find another spot for development and tax revenue.

Thanks

Stuart Gimber

La Jolla, CA

From: [Serena Arts](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: nfo@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 6:24:17 PM

I strongly support OPTION B for the fiesta island project. Keeping a wide open area for unencumbered use, allowing the dogs to run free without fences that would shorten their travel. This also includes people. Long open areas provide the best physical and emotional health for all. I use this park 4-5 times weekly. Keeps me walking, gets me out side, interacting with others; also providing my dog socializing, and getting long limitless runs for balls, birds, each other.

Open areas are a natural and needed part of life.

Please do not add all the frills that are costly to our already strained budget.

Keep Fiesta Island open and spacious, Option B is the only choice.

Serena Arts

From: [John Jaramillo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:24:18 PM

As a resident of San Diego, 92107, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
<http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

John Jaramillo

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Felicia Deskins](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:53:39 PM

I recently moved from Florida to sunny San Diego and have fallen in love. Most importantly I have fallen in love with Fiesta Island. As I was getting ready for the big move I was doing research on different places and adventures I can take my dogs and came across Fiesta Island.

I live at 555 S 65th St, San Diego CA 92114 so it's about a 15-20 minute drive to get to Fiesta Island and it worth the little drive to get there.

As I was reading about it, this place sounded like it could be too good to be true. 90 acres where dogs are allowed to roam free?! Count me in! Fiesta Island has become apart of our regular lives. The dogs know exactly where we are going and the moment we get off I 5 and see the water both of my dogs just sing with excitement because they know what is coming next.

Fiesta Island is what makes San Diego unique compared to the rest of the country. I have lived all over the world and Fiesta Island is the only place where I see bikers, water sports, and dogs all in the same place enjoying this beautiful island together. My husband and I have gone to Fiesta Island on occasion after work and gone for a nice run along with the dogs. It's the only place I know of where I can run with the dogs off leash and get in a good workout myself at the same time.

Please keep Fiesta Island intact and do not ruin a good thing.

Sincerely,

Felicia Deskins
(978) 888-8183

From: kmt7rose@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:19:41 AM

Please choose **Option B** and leave Fiesta Island the way it is. There is already so much congestion around Mission Bay especially during events like over the line and boat races. Summer gets very busy. The nice thing about the way it is now is that everyone and thing co-exists and there is never a problem. The birds and other creatures can nest, eat and live peacefully. Will an impact study be done on the changes to the environmental disruption for the species that live there? The dog area is so perfect and the best in San Diego. Adults can get exercise, children can run and explore and the dogs can be leash free. The area creates a safe zone with not having to worry about cars!

I have lived above Mission Bay for over 30 years and have been using the dog area since it was developed (after all the stinky stuff was moved out). I walk my dog there at least 3 mornings per week, at times my husband and I walk and enjoy the sunset and sometimes we take our grandsons with us to explore. The boys like to try to balance rocks, make maps of the area and sit on the benches to have refreshments. It is awesome that the dogs can also have access to the water. It would be a tragedy if you destroy this area for my family.

There are so many other areas in Parks and Recreation that can be improved in San Diego County. Why would you spend money on an area that works so well for everyone? Please choose **OPTION B** and let us keep our space!

Thank you for your time,
Kathy Thompson
1832 Magdalene Way
San Diego, CA 92110

From: [barbara davilman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); INFO@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendmen
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:59:37 PM

While I live in Los Angeles, my dogs and I make the pilgrimage to Fiesta Island at least once a month. It is our sanctuary from a world that just seems to be getting crazier and crazier. Some think I'm nuts to fight the almost 3 hour commute each way just to spend 2 hours there but it rejuvenates me. It centers me. I was able to throw away my antidepressant. :)

Fiesta Island is truly a one of a kind, magical place. Please don't take this away. Please adopt Option B.

Barbara Davilman
Studio City, CA 91604
818-406 4877

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All typos are really how I think things SHOULD be spelled.

From: [borzoi](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 5:00:13 PM

My family and I, which include our pets, have long enjoyed Fiesta Island. It's a great place to get fresh air and exercise with our dogs.

We love seeing people ride their horses, bicycling, boating, and enjoying the San Diego lifestyle. When we have our dogs off-leash I prefer the safety of the fenced in dog park where we can play without worrying about traffic. Everyone has a place on the island to enjoy their favorite beach pastimes. OMBAC uses the Island for Over the Line, kayakers, boaters, jet skiers, and paddle boarders all share the space. I know there must be a good reason for changing although I can't imagine what that would be. I urge you to please support "option B" or leave it the way it is.

*****FIESTA ISLAND DOG PARK HAS BEEN VOTED THE BEST DOG PARK IN THE COUNTRY BY USA TODAY!!*****

Thank you

-The Gordon Family



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From: [Kathy Marty](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:40:37 AM

I am a senior citizen and I live in San Diego. For decades I have used the fenced off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island. My daughters and grandchildren now go to the area as well.

I am horrified that the fenced area is going to be destroyed by placing roads, fences, amphitheaters and other things within the area. This is the only area in San Diego where I can go and feel safe as I walk,- exercising myself and my dog. And the kids can run with the dogs too. If you destroy it by chopping it up we will never have a decent place to go again. There are hundred of acres of park space in Mission Bay that could accommodate these other users,- paddlers, tot lots, amphitheaters,- why not move them? We do not have the ability to go anywhere else! What about our quality of life??

That is why I strongly support OPTION B, which will keep the dog park intact.

Regarding the EIR process, I also would like to know what all of the proposed changes on Fiesta Island, especially in our off-leash area, are going to do to traffic, as more and more events get scheduled out there. Moreover, with Option A, how will bulldozing and digging into the dredged dirt in the off-leash area affect the environment. Plus, how can you think about putting grass out there when we have to let our own yards die because of the intermittent droughts. Hopefully all of these questions will be answered in the process.

I can only hope that OPTION B prevails.

Sincerely,

Kathy Marty
92122

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lea Walchshauser](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:20:51 PM

As a resident of San Diego, your 92107, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

Lea Walchshauser

Sent from my iPhone

From: sandiegorn2@juno.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:47:51 PM

I live in the 92111 zip code and the Fiesta Island Dog Park is the one place in the city where my dog and I can BOTH exercise together. We are there 3 to 4 times a week, enjoying the vast open space, and I would like to keep it intact and preserved for off-leash use, and to have it remain undivided and as large as it currently is, for the enjoyment for San Diego residents. I recently took some out of state visitors there and they were so impressed that went back to enjoy the space daily for the remainder of their visit! In the EIR report, I hope you will analyze the impact of cutting a road through the area will be. Also, studying the impact of mowing more frequently to control foxtails is important.

Thank you,
Johana Smith

From: [Lena Stuart](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; ridgebks@aol.com
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 10:00:11 AM

Dear Ms. Malone,

I am writing this message in support of **Option B** in the Mission Bay Park Fiesta Island Amendment, that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I believe that it is important to continue to keep this precious area available for everyone in San Diego to enjoy. This includes families with children, dog owners, and tourists. I frequently visit Fiesta Island with my family and enjoy watching all the dogs roaming free, people walking and exercising, and children playing in the shallow waters of the beach. It would be a shame to lose this beautiful land to development. As a veterinarian, I interact with many dog owners. Many of them frequent Fiesta Island with their faithful companions. It is a great way to experience the outdoors for people and animals. It is also a great way to socialize.

The views of Fiesta Island from I-5 are spectacular as well. I would hate to see it obstructed by yet another concrete building and glaring lights.

Please support Option B, the FIDO plan.

Sincerely,

Lena Stuart, DVM, MS

*I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything
but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do
interfere with what I can do.*

--Edward Everett Hale

From: randy.knepper
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:40:10 PM

My name is Randy option i suggest option B, i do not want the Fiesta Island off leash area changed in anyway, it is the best dog park in the country and it needs to be left unchanged or improved only by adding nice restrooms , i use it every weekend to walk our dogs, my wife uses it at least 3 times a week, she suffers from Multiple Sclerosis and it is hard for her to walk our dogs because they have a tendency to pull when they get excited and this area has been so important to her health in getting exercise and our dogs health as well to change it in anyway would be devastating to her and many other dog owners, the size the way it is is perfect and should stay as-is except i believe add some nice restrooms at the entrance i am highly against adding any kind of road thru it and reducing the size and am against adding any kind of children's park or amphitheatre, there are many many many places for parents to take their children but this place is unique and special for the dogs and their owners in San Diego

Randy Knepper and Carla Knepper
619-733-1143

From: [Nicole Stanley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Update
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:40:03 AM

With our two dogs, we visit Fiesta Island AT LEAST, once a week. Not only do our fur babies love the water, my husband I do as well.

Unlike other dog parks both our pets and us are able to exercise and enjoy the island without worries of interfering traffic. Additionally, we use the area to both run and cycle.

I support Option B. Let's keep Fiesta Island unique in its natural, undeveloped state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicole Stanley Anselmo

From: [Elizabeth Fitzgerald](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:05:57 PM

Hello,

I am a regular user of the fenced, off-leash area on the southwest side of the island. As a weekly user, with my two dogs, I am writing to express my support of Option B, keeping the area intact.

Option A would divide this area in 2 and put a road through the middle. As the area is used primarily for off-leash dog activity, putting a road through this area would endanger the dogs who use the area.

This area is my preferred off-leash dog park in San Diego due to the fact that it is the largest, and it is also fenced off along the road keeping my dogs safely inside.

Option A would reduce the size of this area and potentially endanger dogs and owners using the area due to vehicle traffic going through the area.

In order to keep this special area intact and preserve its current usage for dogs and their owners, it should be made a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Hubert

San Diego, CA 92124

From: [Daphne Ray](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:40:49 AM

We support plan B for the fiesta island. Please do not cave to big money.

Please leave a park for everyone to use by maintaining the charm and beauty of the island.

Thank you and Have a great day!

Daphne Ray
2323 Shelter Island Dr, Slip A35
San Diego CA 92106
United States

From: [Kelly Gregory](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:41:45 PM

Hello,

I am writing to Adopt option B at Fiesta Island. We use the park every day with our two dogs and consider one of the best parks let alone dog park in the state. Losing part of fiesta island would be so devastating to our community and dogs alike.

Please elect to adopt option B and save a great part of san diego

Thank you,
Kelly Gregory

From: [Eric Hahn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:40:22 PM

Hello,

My name is Eric Hahn and I live in Pacific Beach. My family and I use Fiesta Island every day, and we would like Option B preserve the current off-leash area intact.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eric Hahn

From: [Erik Kudrna](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 11:25:46 AM

Please keep Fiesta Island as is. It is the best off leash area in San Diego and it allows dogs that have a lot of extra energy to run it off where they cannot at most of the other off leash areas because they are too small.

Please go with OPTION B!

Thank you!
Erik

From: [Holly](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:41:05 PM

Dear Planning CEQA,

As a resident of San Diego, 92115, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

Holly Keller

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse typos =)

From: [Kit Gateley](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 3:04:42 PM

Please adopt **OPTION B** as described in the **Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment**.

The current dog off-leash area on Fiesta Island is a "crown jewel" of San Diego. As a dog owner who has used it for decades with multiple generations of dogs, option A would greatly diminish the very enjoyable experience of walking my dogs.

OPTION B, please!

Kit Gateley

North Park resident with 2 corgis with a great love of weekend jaunts around Fiesta Island

From: [Julie Trobaugh](mailto:Julie.Trobaugh@plnplanning.org)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@plnplanning.org)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:32:49 AM

I strongly support option B for fiesta island. Option B is environmentally friendly, highly sustainable, and does not have the costly impact of development that option A includes. In addition it would not interrupt or preclude people from using fiesta island as it's been used to date.

As a military service member I use fiesta island multiple times a week as a spot for me and my dogs to go to decompress, unwind, and exercise. The calming environment and opportunity to interact with other like-minded people who are not military in most instances gives me the opportunity to de-stress in a way I highly desire.

Fiesta island is so much more than just an off leash dog park. I have frequently volunteered with the Wounded Warriors Project where we use dogs and water as therapy for veterans. Both have such a positive impact on veterans suffering from PTSD as well as any number of physical ailments. I cannot stress to you enough importance of leaving fiesta island as it is. By far the best off leash area in San Diego, maintaining it for the dogs and owners, eradicating the foxtails, is what I'd like to see out of option B.

Thank you for your time and support of all dog lovers in San Diego.

Julia Trobaugh
1919 Parrot St
San Diego 92105

From: [Christopher Elder](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 2:50:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

I recently was made aware of potential plans to divide Fiesta Island and/or build on the property out there. Fiesta Island is one of the only places in San Diego where you can take your dog and exercise without hindrance. I strongly hope that you will cease to continue down this path as there is plenty of development already in San Diego.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Elder

From: [Tracy Hogle](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:26:54 PM

To whom it may concern:

My family and I support adopting OPTION B re: the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Fiesta Island Amendment.

It is important to have off leash access for dogs on fiesta island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracy Hogle

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jeffrey Burke](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:38:52 AM

The off-leash area of Fiesta Island should be altered minimally, if at all, and thus I support Option B of the redevelopment plan. This area is such a special spot for San Diego, an oasis in the middle of our great city that so many people use and enjoy. We have an endless array of developed options to spend our time, but very few undeveloped spaces to choose from. The undeveloped nature of the off-leash area is precisely what makes it so amazing for me and countless other dog owners and it would be a tragedy for our community to lose this.

I beg of you, please do not develop this area. Please choose Option B.

Regards,
Jeffrey Burke
3778 Shasta Street, Unit B
San Diego, 92109

From: matt.sayed
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 5:36:59 PM

Please keep Fiesta Island off leash dog park! My dog and hundreds of my other friends that are dog lovers need this place to enjoy for their dogs to roam without bothering anyone or anything. This is the most ideal place to allow your dog to enjoy his/her short life on this planet..

There is no better place to take your dog.

PLEASE KEEP/SAVE THE LAST OFF LEASH PLACE IN THE STATE!!!

THANK YOU!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Julie T](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:29:19 AM

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Thank you for your time and support of all dog lovers in San Diego.

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From: [Linda Briggs](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Linda Briggs](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:13:46 PM

June 7, 2017

Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner
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San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

Dear Ms. Malone,

I'm writing to publicly comment on the proposed Mission Bay Park Master Plan update for Fiesta Island.

I am a board member with FIDO, Fiesta Island Dog Owners, a non-profit group with over 12,000 members that has been working for years to preserve off-leash access to Fiesta Island, in particular the southwest 90-plus acres of Fiesta Island directly across from SeaWorld.

I would like to go on record as stating that the City of San Diego **should adopt Option B** for Fiesta Island. That option, put forward by FIDO, is the most closely aligned with the City's stated intent of "[respecting] long term existing uses on the island, [reducing] environmental impacts, [reducing] the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement."

Specific to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), I would like the city to **address these issues** in considering how and whether to develop the island, specifically in reference to issues with Option A:

Critical Environmental Considerations

The environmental impact of moving the berms of soil surrounding the island must be studied to determine the effects of disturbing those areas. Since much of the original fill dirt was dredged from the basin or brought in from elsewhere, what is it potentially contaminated with? Disturbing it also increases the danger of the spread of invasive plants.

Also, creating a swimming beach presumably means importing sand, which would carry the potential of new invasive organisms and other dangers to the existing land.

The area of the park that is seasonally set aside for California Least Tern nesting must be considered as well. How will additional traffic, noise, exhaust and runoff affect that area of the island and the birds that nest there? Additional roads and vehicles, and added fences could put pressure on this important nesting site.

The EIR should also address the yearly growth of foxtail grasses, which cause serious problems for dogs and owners both. A foxtail in an ear or paw can mean a trip to the vet at best, and anesthesia and surgery at worst. Erratic, although well-intentioned, mowing attempts by the city seem to be containing the foxtails for the most part this season in at least the most-used areas, but there is no systemic plan for addressing the issue. Expert advice from botanists or biologists is needed to recommend a specific program to eradicate foxtails for good in the off-leash dog area – hopefully using a well-planned and directed mowing program, not chemicals.

Traffic and Roads

Dividing this area by a road will create significant safety hazards for both dogs and people – what

speed limits will be set? Who will enforce them? How long until someone's dog digs under the fence and is hit by a car? – Also, the mere presence of a road will spoil the feel of getting away from it all in the middle of San Diego. That in itself is a priceless part of the undeveloped Fiesta Island experience. Increased use of the island would bring an increase in traffic, requiring studies on traffic flow, parking, and runoff from oil and additional residue from motor vehicles. How would hauling boats and parking boat trailers fit into the plan? Additional pavement will increase runoff, rather than letting the water soak into the soil as it does now, presenting additional negative environmental impacts.

Community Character and Growth

I've lived in San Diego for nearly 40 years and have visited Fiesta Island hundreds of times over the years with friends, visitors from out of town, and always my dogs. As an open, relatively undeveloped area that allows both people and pets to enjoy quiet time away from the bustle of the city, it is unmatched in San Diego – and in fact, in any city I have visited. It is an excellent use of a relatively small area of the city's many miles of beachfront property. As a friend once remarked as we walked together with our dogs, "Everyone out here has a smile on their face."

Again, I urge you to protect Fiesta Island's off-leash area for the residents of San Diego, and to establish it as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan by adopting "Option B."

Sincerely,

Linda Briggs

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San Diego, CA 92116

From: [Erin Sweeney](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fido.org; [Erin Sweeney](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:33:19 AM

In support of Option B.

My dog Cutie and I have been going to Fiesta Island maybe 15 to 20 times per year for the past 10 years. (She is 11.) Most often we go to the part of the park that is fenced from the road. We walk in a big loop (or two). Along the water, along the bluff edge, or along the trails. She is my all-terrain vehicle and enjoys swimming, chasing the waves, climbing up and down the cliffs, chasing birds, and digging in the sand. There is no other place in San Diego County or possibly the world that is like FI. I hope that generations of dogs and owners will have access to the same diverse park that we have enjoyed. Please don't take away our dog park or change its use or natural surface. Let the tides and weather be the only things to change our dog park. She is smiling and wiggling and it is hard for her to hold still when we get on Fiesta Island.

Thank you

Erin

Erin Sweeney, PE, QSD

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From: [Pam Crusberg](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 1:43:03 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please know that I support Option B of the new plan. It is important to the welfare of the people and dogs of San Diego to have this large off-leash area.

Thanks,
Pam Crusberg
pcrusberg@aol.com

From: [Jay Barlow](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 7:38:29 PM

I strongly support Fiesta Island being officially designated as an off-leash park. I support Option B, preserving the off-leash area.

I walk my dog there every week and really appreciate having this leash-free area.

Jay

From: [Elizabeth R. Milano](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 5:24:07 PM

I live in the 92102 zip code area and support adopting Option B.

I take my pup to Fiesta Island weekly (sometimes twice a week) for off-leash exercise and socialization time. While San Diego does have a number of small off-leash dog parks and two small beach areas, Fiesta is the only off-leash area in the city where large dogs can run long distances. Large dogs that are kept leashed for majority of their outside time can develop bad behaviors and aggressive tendencies. Without this area we are making it near impossible to work with and train large breed dogs to be gentile and well behaved. This is a safety concern for all dog owners and non-dog owners alike.

From: [Mary Jean Wynant](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 5:11:40 PM

I live in the Santee area and come down to Fiesta Island once a week and enjoy a walk through dog park along with my dog and friends. Been going for years. Cant imagine there being any change. I Support Option B.

Sincerely
Mary Jean wynant

From: [Hayden Mercurio](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:19:36 PM

To whom this may concern,

My name is Hayden Mercurio and I am a San Diego native who wants to voice my advocacy for keeping the dog park at Fiesta Island in tact. I am a dog owner and lover, who appreciates the open space, the easy access, and the beauty of the dog park. Max, my golden retriever, LOVES the area, and can safely run off leash with his new pals. I take him down every Saturday morning, it has become his second home. I think it would be devastating to reconstruct the area.

Sincerely,
Hayden Mercurio

From: [Ioana Hartz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 10:03:14 AM

Fiesta Island is our favorite place! We run our dogs at Fiesta 6-7 times a week and it is the most relaxing and safe park where our dogs can run freely for hours. We moved to San Diego from the east coast and chose this city because it is extremely dog friendly and has amazing dog parks. Not only do our dogs get to run and swim every night, but we also get the much needed exercise after sitting at a desk 40-60 hours per week. Every time we have visitors out of town we bring them to Fiesta because we take pride in what it has to offer. We enjoy the amazing views of downtown and the bay and don't hesitate to stay and watch the sunset.

All of San Diego is so commercialized, Fiesta is one of the few places left untouched and we love it just the way it is.

If off-leash area is restricted, we would not be able to take our daily evening relaxing walks in the park. Please leave Fiesta Island off-leash area as is! It is one of the most valued places for us dog owners.

Thank you,

Ioana - mom

and of course Mara and Otis two beautiful and well behaved dobermans that enjoy Fiesta every day.

From: [erika](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 5:35:16 PM

To Whom It May Concern :

My name is Erika Arredondo and I, along with my canines, frequent the award winning Fiesta Island off leash dog park at least 3-4 times a week. I would implore the planning committee to go with OPTION B (FIDO'S PLAN) as it leaves this already wonderful park mostly unchanged.

I did look over 'Plan A' and honestly feel that all of the proposed changes and additions in infrastructure would greatly compromise the majority of the island's natural beauty. Like many others, I frequent Fiesta Island often as a means to work out my dogs in a safe / off leash environment, but to also give us an escape from city life. Only minutes away from the hustle and bustle of Mission Valley and Downtown, Fiesta Island with it's desert like terrain nestled against the beautiful shorelines and animal sanctuary, is, to many, one of the city's most treasured parks in San Diego County. To add more roads, parking, an amphitheater, and other various buildings to this park, would take this small haven of nature away from those of us who use the park as a convenient escape from city life. Unlike OB dog beach, fiesta island with it's large mostly open field area, gives you a real sense of being out of the city and it would be heartbreaking for many of us (and our canines) if we were to lose a majority of this open space to fences, buildings, and what have you. Option B keeps this beautiful space largely unoccupied by buildings and roads and allows us to keep our little slice of easily accessible nature.

Thank you for taking the time to read why the future of Fiesta Island matters to me and also for taking my vote for the future of Fiesta Island into consideration.

Sincerely,
Erika Arredondo
4373 Texas Street
San Diego, CA 92104

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"It's not about you, it's about what flows through you"

From: [Meagan Wylie](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:54:43 PM

To whom it may concern:

My family and I support adopting OPTION B re: the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Fiesta Island Amendment.

This is an essential off-leash area for countless dog owners in our San Diego community. The large open space is ideal for dogs to exercise, play, practice good behavior, and obtain a sense of freedom. Open space for dogs is highly limited in San Diego County. As a resident of Encinitas, we travel down to Fiesta Island nearly weekly to allow our dogs to run freely. Fiesta Island is essential during the hot summer months when access to Del Mar Beach closes.

Thank you for important consideration of this matter.

Meagan Wylie

From: [Mike Long](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:49:30 PM

Hello,

I would like city to use plan B!

FIDO's Plan

I use the dog park daily! Our dog (a Pointer) enjoys the wide open spaces and diverse landscape no other dog park has to offer.

Our drought and the amount of money it would take to care for grass on a dredged up pile of sand in the middle Mission Bay would be excessive.

I love all our parks but I don't think it is necessary to cover every park in the city with grass.

Thank you,

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From: [Lea Corbin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:46:15 PM

Dear City Planners,

Please adopt Plan B for Fiesta Island. We have continually visited the dog area 4-5 times a week for the past 17 years. We live 5 minutes from the "Island" and enjoy every aspect of it (minus the motorhome live-ins) We have seen the number of users increase DRAMATICALLY over the past 17 years. This dog area has been a wonderful place to take a walk with the dogs and destress after work, and to bring the kids and let them ride their bicycles next to their puppies as a family unit. We often have foreign visitors and we always take them to the "island" to walk the dogs and enjoy the wonderful views of downtown San Diego. They always comment on what a special place it is and how lovely and unique it is to have a natural environment in the middle of a large city. As a city resident, and faithful user of this location, I beg you to leave the dog area intact. It is truly the only area where dogs (and horses) have enough space to enjoy both land and water, and each other safely without driving an hour from San Diego City proper.

We appreciate and understand that the island is slated for improvements and change isn't all bad...just please keep the dog area intact. Please, please, listen to the users of this area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lea and Hal Corbin

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From: [Julianne Ricksecker](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:16:54 PM

We have an extraordinary resource in the Fiesta Island off-leash dog park - a very large open space with access to water, sand and lots of free running space. I love taking my son there when he visits with his two large dogs and we can take our one - it gives them a space to run and play while we hike the perimeter and visit. When my other son moved to San Diego a few years back, it was a great place for him to meet like-minded dog owners and establish a new community of friendships in the local area.

I support Option B. I believe that breaking up the off-leash area with a roadway and reducing the size would be a significant reduction in the quality of this amazing resource to our community. I think it should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible.

Julianne Ricksecker
5944 Tulane St
San Diego, CA

From: monika.fitzsimmons
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:41:44 PM

Please adopt option B

I am a mission valley resident 92124 and have been running on the beach with my dogs besides me for years. This is the only place in SD where humans and canines can get exercise together. Please do not change anything- we need Fiesta Island to remain as is- intact.

Thank you

Monika Fitzsimmons
619 248 2265

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bill Skiffington](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 7:12:47 PM

Hello,

My name is Bill Skiffington and I am writing about the proposed changes to the dog off leash area on Fiesta Island.

I take my dog Kono to the fenced in off leash area on Fiesta Island almost every day. He loves running around on the paths and really loves the beach and the water. It is a great place for him to get exercise and socialize with his other dog friends. It's not just good exercise for him though, it's also guarantees that I get at least 30 minutes of exercise each day as well.

I understand there are two options that are being considered for the are. I would like to ask the you choose Option B, to preserve the current off-leash area.

Thank you,
Bill Skiffington

From: [Gur Windmiller](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:40:31 PM

Hi,

My name is Gur. I've been coming to the island with my dogs for nearly 15 years now. It is true what they say - there is no other dog park like this one in the country, perhaps not even in any city around the world (and I've seen a few recreational parks...).

I live in La Mesa and happily drive the 20 minutes it takes to get there every week. For my dogs and the park offers something no other park or open area in a big city possibly could: it is the combination of land and water; areas that are both inland and a beach; my dogs and I can walk, stroll around, freely run, swim, play in and out of the water and encounter countless other dogs and their accompanying humans. All of this is simply unparalleled anywhere else. It is unique, and has become one of San Diego's most known and special gems. We show it to everyone who comes to visit - a recreational, dog, exercise park that proudly makes our town one of the best cities in the country for pet-loving and outdoorsy people. We must preserve it!

As a dog park, as an open space, as a living ecosystem, and as a recreational area, Fiesta Island is an absolute local treasure on our local, State and even Federal level. It is currently unimaginable for the thousands of us who come here every week to exercise and enjoy this human-dog combination, unfathomable that we might lose it or even that it might become smaller or bisected.

Therefore my dogs and I whole heartedly support **option B**.

I'd like to emphasize that we support option B because to keep the island as a leash-free dog park and a recreational area the way it functions now (which is nearly ideal), several attributes must be maintained:

- The park need to be large so as to accommodate the multi-faceted nature of the activities currently taking place in it (jogging/walking etc. for humans, dogs running freely in open areas and in and out of the water).
- The park needs to stay intact. The fact that this is a continuous landmass is what allows all of these great activities to take place the way they do. Roads, fences, built structures etc. will hamper its main function and will serve no purpose but to destroy the way it operates now. No short term gain - if there's one at all - is worth the destruction of this beautiful park.
- It would be nice and beneficial to all if some maintenance were to regularly take place in te park. In particular, mowing down of foxtails, and some rudimentary attention paid to the existence and continuation of small facilities (trash cans, minimal dirt-road maintenance, cleaning bags, etc.)

Plan B offers us to keep all of these attributes while simultaneously making the park even nicer to use and maintaining its ecosystem.

There's no other way to say this: the loss of Fiesta Island's off leash dog park will be a disaster

for the city, the environment and, most importantly, the many thousands of people constantly using it - of which I'm proudly one - along with our thousands of dogs.

I truly hope someone over there is hearing our plea and will not allow anything like plan A to take place.

Thank you for your time and patience in reading this.

Gur Windmiller
La Mesa, 91941

From: [Alexis Rogers](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:45:18 PM

Hi there

We are proud owners of a mini Aussie named Chesney. She goes to Fiesta Island Dog park a few times every week. In a crowded bustling city, it is the only place that we can let our puppy run and be free off leash without the frighteningly close quarters of other dog parks and without the overcrowded spaces that other parks bring.

Our family loves this park. Our dog lives for the days we bring her here. This park has given us the space to have long walks as a family. It's such a meaningful part of our week. We'd be lost without that.

We would hate to see this amazing little piece of puppy heaven being taken away from us. We don't want to see the air and water quality decline due to new renovations. We enjoy our park and want to continue to do so for years to come. Please support us by choosing option B.

Thank you

Alexis, Tyler and Chesney

From: [Katherine Getz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:54:23 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my support for **Option B**.

As a dog owner and someone who enjoys spending as much time as possible outdoors, Fiesta Island mean a tremendous deal to me. What a rarity an under-developed off-leash area is, and how beneficial for a community that is often made to feel unwelcome.

I think it is important to keep the area as minimally developed and as large as possible for many reasons. For one, I'm not sure whether you're familiar with the concept of "forest bathing," but the benefits of immersing yourself in nature are beginning to be backed by research. Developing the area with various roads and structures would, from my perspective, reduce the ability of the area to serve as a place to "disconnect" and spend time with your companions (be they two-legged or four). From a safety perspective, having minimal mechanical traffic moving near or through an unleashed area means less chance of having our pets be injured or startled into flight. As for size, as the owner of athletic animals, having a space where they are welcome to exercise their agility and speed at full capacity is a blessing. Put another way, a sizable off-leash area lets dogs be dogs.

These are but a few of the many reasons why I feel compelled to write in support of Option B, and why I have long supported FIDO in its efforts to retain the unique and critical resource that Fiesta Island has heretofore provided my community.

Sincerely,

Katherine Getz

From: [stephanie leone](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:24:19 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a frequent, year round visitor to Fiesta Island's off leash dog park. This area provides a perfect opportunity for me to exercise along side my two dogs. Everyone is incredibly respectful and always clean up after their pets. I strongly support Option B and suggest preserving this oasis for responsible dog owners to enjoy the beauty San Diego has to offer.

Stephanie Leone
4692 Lotus St 92107



From: [M. A. STOUT](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:40:43 PM

Please adopt Option B!

We appreciate such a wonderful place to spend quality time with our canine companions!
Thank you!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Lori Thompson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Lori Thompson](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:02:55 PM
Attachments: [Oliver!.png](#)

I am writing to tell you I strongly support keeping the park intact and preserved for off-leash use.

I use the park at least once a week. I take my rescue dog Oliver and he loves it. He is a very energetic and active dog. I have taken him to many of the dog parks and beaches in San Diego and Fiesta Island is by far the best for both of us. He has plenty of room to run and run, on both land and playing in the water. I get great exercise as well, which I don't get at the other parks, because of the size of Fiesta Island.

Please keep the park designated for off-leash use, and don't reduce the size or restrict water access. I have lived in Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, Chicago, and San Francisco, but have settled in San Diego for good in large part because of the outdoor activities San Diego provides. Please don't take Fiesta Island away from me and Oliver!

Best regards,

Lori Thompson



From: [Joe Tatro](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 1:25:57 PM

To whom it may concern,

I visited one of my favorite dog parks here in San Diego recently, the Fiesta Island Dog Park, only to see a sign suggesting that I send an email to the planning board due to the possibility that it may be closed down. As a lifelong dog owner, I am more than a little disappointed to here this news. It's is my experience that dogs, and people, benefit from the off leash socialization of every dog. Without this ability to socialize, many dogs become aggressive. This is known as "leash aggression," is the basis for many incidences of dogs biting people, dogs and other animals.

I hope the possibility of this park being closed can be prevented, and Plan B, the continued use, and perhaps even expansion of this area, be seriously considered as a more viable option.

Thanks for your time.

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:22:58 PM

Please do not alter Fiesta Island's off-leash area to make it smaller. It is one of our (and our dog's) favorite spots in San Diego and we'd hate to lose it to development that limits the dogs' freedom. So many areas are enforced on-leash, we don't need to add another one.

What are your regular uses of the area?

We use this resource almost weekly as a way to provide our dog great exercise, socialization and stimulation. Reducing the time off-leash will greatly impact our dog's ability to "be a dog".

What kind of analysis of impacts would you like to see with respect to these areas?

I dunno. Just don't restrict the off-leash zones further. And don't hurt the local bay environment to do it.

Do you have any information related to the analysis of impacts that you can provide?

Nope.

Do you have any recommendations for alternatives (land use scenario, location, etc.) to be considered with the Draft EIR?

Nope.

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From: [Rachel Powers](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:49:05 PM

My name is Rachel Powers. My husband and I live in Sabre Springs with our 2 dogs, Sadie and Charlie. We visit Fiesta Island about once a week with our dogs or kayaks. We support Option B of the Fiesta Island Amendment because it creates a safer environment for both humans and dogs.

My concern about Option A is the road that cuts through the southwest area of the island. At the EIR informational meeting, my concerns were somewhat alleviated by the promise of a fence around the road to prevent accidents with dogs and pedestrians but it still concerns me that this fence is not reflected on the map at the Fiesta Island Amendment webpage. The only map element surrounding the road is the trail: <http://fiestaislandamendment.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/FI-Scoping-Option-A.pdf>

Even with the fence, there will still be lots of crossings since this effectively separates the part of the southwest area of the island with the greatest land acreage from the prime beach area. During the preparation of the EIR, the public safety of pedestrians and their animals should be taken into consideration, especially regarding the crossings and speed limit of the proposed road.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our concerns. We look forward to a new, improved, foxtail-free, Fiesta Island in the future!

Rachel Powers
San Diego, CA 92128

From: [Marilyn Link](#)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 6:12:51 PM

To whom it may concern:

It is my opinion that making a roadway in the Dog Park on Fiesta Island is an unnecessary expense that the majority of residents DO NOT WANT. The beauty of the dog park is the ability to get away from the noise and pollution of cars. Plus with families and animals running free, I feel it is a danger, no matter what type of fence goes up. People come from miles away go there because it is one of a kind.

Spend the money saved on improving and widening the entrance/exit to Fiesta Island.

Please adopt Option B.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marilyn Link
Pacific Beach

From: [Paula Voogd](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:45:52 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Paula Voogd and I am a San Diego resident, a registered voter, and an enthusiastic supporter of Fiesta Island's off-leash dog park. I am writing to encourage you to choose 'Plan B' for the dog park, which I understand will keep the off-leash dog park as-is (no roads cutting through it, no areas within it designated for other types of use) while making it an official off-leash dog park.

Fiesta Island's off-leash dog park is an asset for the city of San Diego. It is valued by San Diego residents as well as by tourists who wish to travel to San Diego with their dogs. As I'm sure you are aware, within the last year Fiesta Island won a nationwide survey and was named the best dog park in the U.S. That is a big deal and shows how much the dog park means to people who know of its existence. I'm sure it would be even more popular if more people knew about it.

So, let's keep the off-leash dog park as it currently exists, but make it official.

Thank you in advance,

Paula Voogd

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From: [Fred Lonidier](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:26:54 PM

My wife and I have taken both our dogs to the Fiesta Island dog park for years. There really is no place for a dog to run anywhere around where we live in University City. I have done cleanup work there to help out so am very committed to preserving this park for us and our dogs.

Yours,

Fred Lonidier

From: [Kathryn LaMaster](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Ammdement
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:13:03 PM

> A year ago our family (including our three dogs) moved from San Diego to the Eastern Sierra for retirement. The two things that we miss are our SD friends, of course, and Fiesta Island. Each time we have returned through this last year we always come back to Fiesta Island with the dogs.....usually two to three times per trip. I can't tell you how happy we all are to be on our favorite dog beach.

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> For years I have bragged to all our friends and family far and wide about the most uniquely beautiful and friendly environment for dogs and their people at San Diego's Fiesta Island. Many of those have visited and are now spreading the word also. Fiesta Island Dog park is a jewel in the crown that San Diego bears. Please, please do not ruin this wonderful area. I SUPPORT OPTION B!!!!

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> Sincerely,

> Kathy LaMaster

> Lone Pine, CA

> (formerly San Diego)

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Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:52:26 PM

Hello,

I would like to provide the below statements as a part of the public comment on the topic of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment. Thank you for your time in considering them. I am for the protection or expansion of the Fiesta Island off Leash dog areas.

Aston is not just my dog he is member of my family and a licensed animal with The City of San Diego. I pay to keep him up to date on immunizations and to keep him licensed per The City of San Diego laws. As such his health and ability to function affects his ability to maintain licensure and remain within the city. The city has a responsibility to their residents with licensed animals and the families they reside with and should be considered a top priority when determining the development of Fiesta Island.

My family experiences daily frustrations with regards to the regulations against dogs within The City of San Diego and utilize Fiesta Island frequently throughout the year some months up to three times a week. We and many other families can be very limited to opportunities in utilizing outdoor areas next to our homes as the city board walks, beaches and park areas are off limits to some family members until certain hours of the day. Even within the right hours there is still the regulation for a leash wherever dogs are allowed and makes it even more important that The City of San Diego protect and not reduce the current off leash areas of Fiesta Island.

The Fiesta Island off leash dog area provides vital health benefits to my family and is the only place within the city that does so. Fiesta island provides the only off leash dog friendly trails within The City of San Diego. My family runs the off leash trails or shorelines of Fiesta Island and when we do we are very thankful that they are not developed paved surfaces. This provides my family with better physical health as running on concrete and asphalt is tougher on human and dog joints. You will already see evidence of people trying to avoid the concrete of the boardwalks when possible in the multiple foot prints in the dirt alongside the boardwalk around the south end of Crown Point. And would also indicate that non dog owners would benefit from not developing the trails of Fiesta island as well. I have introduced non dog owners to the island who enjoyed using it as is. Besides physical health the off leash time also provides my family members with better mental health. As this is important for a multiple reasons the reduction in aggressive behavior is one of the most important benefits to my dog. A less aggressive and healthy resident is a benefit to the whole city as well as the family.

Please do not disrupt the off leash dog trails with development they provide a great health benefit for my family and non dog owners as well.

The city should further consider how much of the city population, neighboring cities and vacationing families are like mine. In my 14 unit building there are 5 units with dogs. I have further heard the comment that the areas need to be developed to be made more handicap accessible. With regard to this comment I would like to push for the consideration of handicapped dog owners who also benefit from off leash areas.

Families also vacation with their animal family members. Fiesta Island off leash areas offer a very unique experience and one of a kind experience to draw people to the city. I personally avoid Del Mar Dog Beach because they charge for parking. Which also means that I am not grabbing lunch, gas or pet supplies in Del Mar either. If people have a reason to come to the area they also have an opportunity to explore options of shopping and restaurants.

The last thing I'd like to push for consideration is just how many options within the city of San Diego do residents have for off leash dog beach access. Not Coronado, not Del Mar but within The City of San Diego. . . one portion of a beach in OB and Fiesta Island. The fiesta island off leash area represents a critical percentage of off leash beach access for dogs that a lot of resident and visiting families utilize. Please protect the off leash areas of Fiesta Island they only add to San Diego's recreational opportunities and appeal as a place to visit and live.

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Lindsay,
San Diego, CA 92109

"If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good." -Dr. Seuss

From: [Dennis Schurmeier](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Dennis Schurmeier](#); [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 3:42:16 PM

City of San Diego Planning Department

i am a 35 year resident of San Diego and dog owner who strongly support option B for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment. I take my two dogs to Fiesta Island four to five times a month on weekends. I want to be both a loving and responsible dog own only letting them enjoy leash free exercise and swimming where it is permitted. I don't use many City services or amenities, having a good size safe off leash dog area where my dogs can run play and swimming safely is very important to me and my family, right up there with Police, Fire and Roads.

I ask you to establish the existing fenced, off-leash area as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible. My dog's Bonnie an Clyde, lifetime residents of the City also ask for your support for keeping their favorite place as it is for their safety and enjoyment

Dennis Schurmeier

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From: [Nancy Martinez](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:52:10 PM

May 31, 2017

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment

City of San Diego Planning Commissioners and Staff:

I am privileged to have the use of the most wonderful off-leash dog park in the greater San Diego area. Though I live in East County, I bring my dog weekly to Fiesta Island.

The large open space is exactly what is needed for dogs (and their owners) to socialize and exercise. The combination of the shore access and undeveloped park area is in marked contrast to the small, highly-impacted dog parks that are the options for most dog-owners.

I firmly support Option B in the proposed amendment. Please keep the dog park intact and increase the fenced off-leash area. There are other areas of Mission Bay Park that could be developed and accommodate the suggested improvements in the Master Plan. This option represents the lowest cost and least environmentally impacting use of this public space.

I respectfully request that you approve Option B.

Sincerely,

Nancy Martinez

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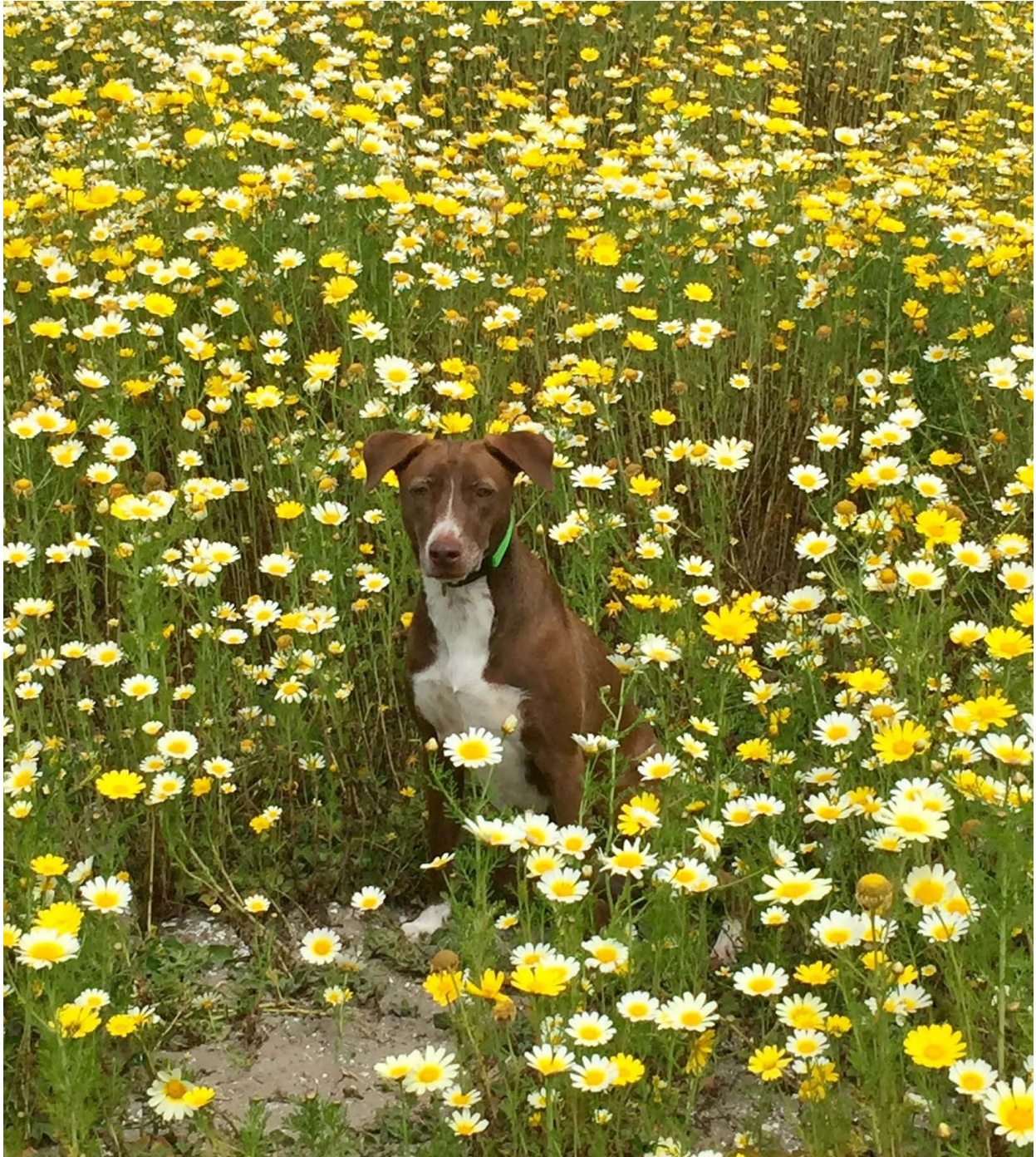
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:06:54 PM

Good Afternoon,

Please support Plan B - We go to Fiesta Island every day with our dog, Penelope and it is her favorite place to go - she loves running through unobstructed fields and long stretches of beach with all of her friends. I feel like a road in the middle would greatly reduce her joy, not to mention the pollution, trash and damage caused from so many cars driving through the island. Additionally since we have been in a drought for so many years it seems quite wasteful to consider grass and an area that will need to be watered and maintained on a daily basis.

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:59:00 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I am in support of Option B for Fiesta Island. I took my dog there almost every weekend until she passed three weeks ago and I will take my future dogs there almost every weekend as well. It is the only area that I feel safe letting my dog off leash and run around not worried they will run off into a neighborhood or that there are too many dogs around. The island works the way it is currently set up best because it is so spread out so you can find the area that works best for you and for those of us that bring our dogs that works best for the dog. My dog was blind and slow moving so the island provided areas I could take her that were not bustling with activity from other dogs. When she could see I could take her to the areas that were bustling as she loved playing with the other dogs. The access to water for her to play in without worrying about surfers was also great. For us as a family it worked out amazing because we were able to bring our paddleboards, our dog, and family and friends to spend the day without having to be cramped into a small area of a beach because we brought our dog. I love the freedom and the undisturbed nature of Fiesta Island and also that the whole island can be used by everybody anytime. The only thing I would suggest to change is to help keep the foxtail population down so more fun can be had by humans and dogs. I think adding more areas will take away from local residents of San Diego with camping areas and an amphitheater. We have plenty of amphitheaters throughout San Diego and don't need another. Camping would create more areas for those that come to camp, but take away from those of us that aren't camping, there by limiting the areas we can use. Option B would be the best for the tax paying local San Diego resident.

I will leave you with my dog, Coco's last day, her favorite place to go in San Diego was Fiesta Island, so on her last day that is where we went. She was at her end with a long battle with cancer and we knew that the end of day was her time, so for her last day she got to do her favorite things. She couldn't walk that well so we went to Fiesta Island and I parked as close to the water as I could, which is great since I don't have that option at other areas for dogs. She got out of the car and headed straight down to the water all by herself (remember she was blind so that tells you how often we were there) and got right in the water and laid down. When she finally got up from the water she sat with me on the water's edge as other dogs came up to say hello and she was just so happy. Everytime we were there she had a big smile on her face. During the time we were sitting there a few dog owners who could tell it was the day came over and talked to me and patted her and let me know it would be okay, dog owners just know. These people were complete strangers to me, but Fiesta Island that day brought us together and they passed on their story and provided the needed statements to help me that day. As the time got closer to when we had to leave she couldn't get up and she was 100 lbs. so it was hard for me to try to lift her. The last stranger for the day showed up and could tell I was upset and that Coco was struggling. She went out of her way to help me get Coco up and to the car. She provided more needed words for me that day and also a hug. This island showed me there is still kindness and love out there when you need it.

I think adding to the island with more "commercial" activities will take away an authenticity to the island that I saw Coco's last day. The island brings people together and the ability to bring your dog brings more people together that most places can't do. I think the best thing is

to leave Fiesta Island the way it is currently.

Sincerely,

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To: [PLAN Planning/CEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidოსd.org; [Jenny Correia](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:42:01 PM

To whom it may concern, My wife and I purchased our house in Bay Park in October of 2010. Since then, we have used the Fiesta Island dog park every week since. I routinely take my two big dogs in the morning and use the trails to run or work out while they play. My two kids are 5 & 7 and attend Bay Park Elementary love to hike around the island with the dogs, we literally spend hours there. There are very few places in the region that allow for this type of environment. I have come to learn a few things about the Fiesta Island Dog Park. First, it is the best dog park in San Diego and serves as a destination for dog owners from around the city. Second, the people who take their dogs to FIDO are incredibly friendly and conscientious. Unlike some other dog parks near by, I've found the owners and personalities of the dogs that go to this little SD gem are much nicer. Owners are constantly picking up trash and keeping this area clean unlike some of the other's who inhabit other parts of the island.

Altering the space in the way that Option A suggests would be immensely disappointing and I am 100% in favor of Option B. Please allow this area to remain as one of the truly unique places for people to take their dogs to run free in an area they deserve.

Regards,

Parker Anger
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SD, CA 92110

Below are Gus and Maybe having fun at Fiesta Island and they agree with me!





From: [Elsa Lachmayr](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 2:18:22 PM

Dear California Coastal Commission,

Please recommend OPTION B for the upgrade of Fiesta Island plan. As a long time San Diego resident, and like so many locals, we fully appreciate the simplicity and space Fiesta Island currently offers. Although some improvement would be nice, it would be a shame to see a San Diego treasure spoiled by over-development. Fiesta Island is a favorite hangout for myself, my spouse, and especially my dogs. We have enjoyed this space for so many years and visit 1-4 times a week. It is a favorite spot to exercise, enjoy the views and appreciate our city. All visitors/regulars we encounter are respectful, friendly, and like us, have pride in preserving the area and keeping it clean. There is little need for public use of money currently because of this. Option B is the better solution and we locals will continue to do our part to preserve its simplicity.

There is a reason Fiesta Island Off Leash Dog Park was voted the Best Dog Park in the U.S.: <http://timesofsandiego.com/life/2016/10/21/fiesta-island-named-best-dog-park-united-states/>

Please do not let over-development affect our leash free, run free area. There would be so many locals who would be turned away because of traffic and crowds and that would truly be a shame.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincere Regards,

Stephen & Elsa Lachmayr
FIDO Supporters

From: [Caitlin McCollom](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:10:03 PM

To whom it may concern:

In regards to the plan to alter Fiesta Island, what specifically are your plans for this area? Of these proposed alterations, and what is the projected impact on the area - such as land use, traffic impact, noise and air impact, wildlife affected, and current visitor impact? Rumor has it a road and some buildings are possibly being suggested. This will severely restrict the safety and freedom of visitors. Construction in the area cause stress and fear in any animals visiting, preventing owners from enjoying the park. Visitors will not even want to come to the park due to this stress. Once construction is done, there is now traffic to worry about.

Rather than making alterations to the area that will restrict the current freedom of the park as it is now, what kind of improvements are being proposed instead? As it is now, Fiesta Island is one of the only places in So Cal that dogs, and horses, can be brought and enjoyed without issue. Everywhere else there are numerous restrictions, making it pointless to even bother bringing Fido. Even the places that do allow off leash aren't great because there is little in the way of boundaries to feel safe about letting dogs prone to running, free.

I travel all the way from Menifee almost every other week just to visit Fiesta Island. There is no where else with in reasonable driving distance that offers the same freedoms and relative security this area provides. I would rather pay a small access fee to keep the island as is, than loose any amount of area.

I may be contacted at 30486 Cleary St, Menifee CA 92584.

Thank you,

Caitlin McCollom

From: [Jean Vitale](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:43:24 PM

To: Rebecca Malone

Re: Fiesta Island Amendent

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

I am in strong support of Option B that is being proposed for the future planned usage of Fiesta Island, and I feel that Option B fits exactly the stated purpose of the above quote taken from the Public Notice.

I moved from New Hampshire to San Diego 15 years ago. The beautiful year round climate combined with a love of nature, walking, hiking, makes San Diego a perfect fit. Unfortunately, what I did find is that most of the natural local setting are much compromised. Restrictions and small park sizes are, in part, all understandable being located within the boundaries of a large city, but disheartening none the less. Parks like Rose Canyon and Marian Bear Park have trails that run parallel to highways. The San Diego River trail is over run with homeless, and the newer, very costly, section of the trail behind Fashion Valley has been covered with graffiti and the new lamp posts vandalized. It is an uncomfortable and dangerous area to walk even with a German Shepherd dog as my partner. Small neighborhood parks suffered from the water shortage and open grassy areas are now brown or muddy and, in most cases, unusable. Dog parks have become dust bowls.

Time and time again, I see money being spent to improve parks that are currently underutilized and question why we contemplate spending more to create new parks. I see new bathrooms in Bay park being taken over, trashed, and used as shelter and question where the money is to enforce that this does not happen. Why is the city not spending money to fix the current problems in all the established designated recreation areas? Can we do an analysis on how we can maintain the areas we already have and keep them in a condition that guarantees cleanliness and safety?

The Mission Bay Master Plan includes this statement:

“As an open landscape, Fiesta Island should be the place where city residents and visitors alike find the ultimate refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter.”

Fiesta Island is truly a unique gem within the city's park division. The most important and enjoyable feature is the ability to have large numbers of visitors utilizing the vast property without negative impact on the individual. It has a large community that shares of all aspects of the island. And, of course, in the leash free area, the dogs have a little slice of heaven and life as it should be for a dog! My Shepherd has passed, but Fiesta remains the spot I go to exercise, walk, enjoy the quiet, and to recharge. It is perfect, just as it is.

Respectfully,

Jean Vitale
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From: [Shay Heaton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO Admin](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:40:58 PM

Dear Planning Board,

I am asking you to serve your voters by ensuring that the 93 acre fenced, leash-free area on Fiesta Island remains intact. The tax-paying citizens who use this area are asking that they be recognized as valid recreational users of public parklands, just like the other existing users of the island, and be allowed to retain their current space without roads and parking lots bisecting the area that they use 365 days a year. This part of the 485 acres of Fiesta Island is the only fenced leash-free area in San Diego County large enough to allow humans to exercise with their dogs. We ask that the city recognize this fact: that this is not about the dogs but about the thousands of active humans who currently use this area as a place to exercise. It's about what these humans want and need - a refuge from the stress of urban living. Other smaller existing fenced leash-free parks throughout San Diego do not allow this type of use. This large 93 acre contiguous area allows us to walk, run, and bike with our dogs. Once it is destroyed it can never be replaced. While the dog owners are the largest number of users over the course of the year, they are the only group that is losing quality space. Current plans call for a road to bifurcate our area to access a swimming beach and boat storage shed; thereby, creating three smaller dog parks with little beach access for the dog owners. Swimming beaches of Mission Bay are used only seasonally; another beach that will stand empty the majority of the year should not displace those of us who use this area year round. Per presentations by Park and Recreation at various city meetings, they indicate that there is no alternative site for the paddle storage area. However, South Shore was never evaluated as a possible location for this use, despite the paddlers previously stated willingness to consider the South Shore location. South Shores has existing infrastructure already in place (parking lots, restroom, etc) and by utilizing that area, a tremendous amount of money would be saved as the road, a bridge, fencing, restrooms and other improvements could be deleted from the fenced, leash-free area in the Fiesta Island plans. Please, in the interest of your citizens and fiscal responsibility, do not let our area be destroyed when there are logical and simple solutions available.

Sincerely,
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From: [James Hayes](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:24:02 PM

As a resident of Bay Park, 92110, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and I, including our very active goldendoodle, visit the off-leash dog park at least once a week with friends and family. I am a San Diego native and have always had dogs, I have always used Fiesta Island as an alternative to other dog parks because of its spaciousness that allows for our pets to freely roam without feeling congested. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area. <http://bit.ly/2sUaybc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration,
James Hayes

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 10:00:06 AM

Hello Planning Committee,

I wanted to let you know that I am supporting preservation and possibly expansion of the off-leash dog area on Fiesta Island, and therefore support the proposed "Option B" as proposed by the FIDO / Fiesta Island Dog Owners.

Thanks for your consideration.

- Klaus

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USA

From: [Will Mason](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:47:16 PM

I support plan "B" as it provides good and healthy play & exercise areas for both animals and humans. As a constituent I strongly urge you to accept plan "B" and if I could, I would make it permanent! After all, it was voted the " Best Dog Park" in the USA! Why destroy such a benefit for the most pleasant city? It makes no sense.

Bill Mason
San Diego, CA

From: [Angela Zugman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 4:00:00 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Please choose Option B.

I am a San Diego resident, lawyer, and mom. I come to Fiesta Island with my dog, Daisy, 3-4 times a week to enjoy nature and the weather. It's one of my favorite activities. Other people bring their dogs, exercise and socialize. It's a rarity to have this much space to enjoy with your pet. Please do not change it.

Sincerely,

Angela Kim Zugman



From: [sergio.rivas](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:22:38 PM

Fiesta Island Dog section is amazing. This is best dog park that I have ever attended. With the increase of dog loving people in San Diego, this is the ideal place to run, bike and swim with a dog. Please leave as is. Help us have a place where dogs and people can play together without a leash. Option B is better. There are enough places where dogs are not allowed for people to visit. Let's keep this a simple dog area. My friends and I use Fiesta Island everyday. It's also so easy to park and plenty of spaces all the time.

Sincerely
Sergio Rivas



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From: [Elizabeth Winthrop](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:35:29 PM

Please adopt Option B

From: [sarah hughes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:17:10 PM

> As a resident of San Diego, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

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> My family and I, including our very active lab/boxer, visit the off-leash dog park at least once a week as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family.

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> "Option B" includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.

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> Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

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> It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

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> It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

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> Thank you for your consideration,

> Sarah Hughes

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Hillary Flocke](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:51:04 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to support Option B for Fiesta Island. I understand there is a possibility to reduce the size of the off leash dog area and create a road through the existing area. I would be greatly disappointed if that were to happen.

About me: I am 32 year old woman that was born and raised in San Diego. I have had dogs growing up and I'm currently a dog owner. I have been going to Fiesta Island since I was a child. I go to Fiesta Island with my dog (Hank) twice a month, if not more.

Fiesta Island is the main area where I take my dog to exercise (outside of on-leash walks in my neighborhood). This off-leash park is a key element in making San Diego one of the most dog-friendly cities in the U.S. The park offers space for dog owners to get exercise for both ourselves and our animals. Ensuring that the park remains large and is critical.

My friends and family members also take their dogs to Fiesta Island often. I cannot imagine a San Diego without this recreational feature. We call it "Dog Heaven." Leaving this off-leash area intact with a large perimeter and bay access is what makes this park unique and special to San Diegans.

I am unable to attend the Public Meeting on May 23rd, but I hope that my opinions, which represent not only my views, but also those of many family and friends, will be considered in this planning decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Hillary Flocke

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From: [Danielle Giberson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:16:16 PM

Hello,

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement". FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

I love and have enjoyed using the off leash area on Fiesta Island for years now. The current size of the off leash area is just perfect for me and my dogs. I don't think that area should be smaller, if anything it should be bigger. This is one of the only areas that's legal for dog to be off leash and all times. Getting rid of and managing the foxtails would be very important and at the top of my list for the area. I would like to stay intact for my exercise, recreation and not divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater. Leaving the island the way it is in size is ideal. I stand behind 100% with FIDO and Option B.

Warm regards,

Danielle Giberson
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From: [Deena Tahir](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:28:22 PM

Please adopt option B

Thank you

Deena Tahir

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From: [Angelita Renteria](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment (comment)
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:21:15 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

As a FIDO member I support Option B. I regularly take my dog to Fiesta Island and we use all parts of the island's off leash access. I enjoy the expansive off-leash area for dogs both inside the fence and within the island hub within in the road.

Additionally, the large amount of flowers, rabbits and other wildlife that use the island would be impacted by over development of the island. It is a truly unique and safe space for dogs, horses and humans (walking, running, on bikes, in the water) to use the space.

If there is development of the land I would like to see that it is regulated to increase the fencing for off leash dogs, create a soil/beach erosion plan that allows for the botanical nature of the island to increase, and perhaps create trails with diverse plants and trees within the island to increase the ecological diversity of the island with a water reuse and retention plan.

Thank you for taking the time to review my comment.

Angelita Renteria

San Diego, CA 92108

From: [Alison Wilson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:47:47 PM

I support Option B

PLEASE don't reduce the size of our dog park. My 2 (large) dogs and I use the park every morning. They can run and play while I get my exercise too! There is no place like it in San Diego. And we look forward to interacting with the community of dogs and their owners daily. Living by the beach (and most areas of the city), there is not of lot of yard space so having access to such an amazing off-leash area is valued.

In my opinion we do not need any more boat ramps. As a boat owner in Mission Bay, I think there are plenty of ramps and enough watercrafts in the bay as it is. I also don't agree with supplying more facilities for the drug addict to hang out in . I think our dollars would be better spent on the roads all over the city.

Fiesta Island is perfect the way it is!

Thank you!

Alison Wilson - Zip Code 92109

From: [Ran Shenhar](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:09:28 PM

Hi,

As a San Diego proud resident and Fiesta Island lover, I want to support option B in the proposed plan.

I visit Fiesta Island for various recreation activities, and I'd like to be able to continue using it in a way similar to what it is now.

Thanks,

From: [Dianna Leaman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:16:35 PM

I support plan B. We love Fiesta Island. We use it every Thursday for the Collie Meet up.

Dianna Leaman

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From: [Derek Post](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:23:33 PM

Requesting you vote for Plan B for the Fiesta Island Dog Park.. thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: valpeck100@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment -Option B
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:59:47 PM

We are writing in support of Option B which would keep the off-leash area of Fiesta Island intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

Our household has regularly used Fiesta Island to walk our dogs and enjoy beautiful San Diego days in one of the few canine-friendly expansive areas that is safe for off-leash dogs and their companions. We have used this beach for decades as frequently as 3-6 times a month. We have family members who also use and enjoy the island for walking dogs, bike-riding and OTL... all of which have co-existed on this people's park called Fiesta Island.

There are so many places and ways for people to access the many bays and inlets around San Diego. Please do not take this portion of this one island or make it less safe for the dogs and their human companions by building a road in their midst. Protect this island and its many thousands of users who don't have as many choices for a place to run a large dog a good distance or play a game of OTL but depend on this place as a unique, safe destination for its citizens.

Valerie Peck
Bob Ellison-Peck
92108, 91941

From: [Sarah Hudson](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:29:07 PM

I go to Fiesta Island at least once a week with my dog to enjoy the off leash space. I am in support of Option B for your consideration to the amendment of the Park Master Plan.

Best regards,
Sarah Hudson

From: [Tracey Snipas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:45:11 PM

Dear Ms. Malone and Others on the Planning Committee:

I am in support of "**Option B**" to keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area on Fiesta Island. I hope that you and the planning commission will support adopting Option B. My husband and I have lived in Clairemont for over 20 years and typically visit the Fiesta Island fenced, off-leash area with our dogs and kids at least once a week; more when our schedules permit. This area is a jewel for our city. When friends or family visit us from out of town, they often ask if we will be taking the dogs to Fiesta Island because it is such an enjoyable place for dogs and humans alike. It ranks right up there with visiting the Zoo and Sea World!!! Over the years, we've had many celebrations on Fiesta Island. This Spring when the rains hit, the off-leash field became a beautiful carpet of flowers which benefits many of our pollinators.

Please, please, please keep this area intact. This area needs to be established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible. San Diego already has many over-developed areas, and this is one of the last areas untouched. I hope to see many future generations of families enjoying Fiesta Island dog park just as our family and many families like ours do.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Tracey Snipas
Clairemont resident, 92117

From: [Channy Bishop](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:03:01 PM

I have been taking my dogs to Fiesta Island for the past 15 years. My dogs and I love it there. please stop the development and adopt "Option B".

Thank you,
Channy Bishop

From: [Angela Deptolla](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:01:26 PM

Hello,

I am rather new to this process of commenting, and I hope I am doing this correctly. I ordinarily don't get involved in these matters, but I could not let this opportunity pass without adding my voice to those supporting Option "B" for Fiesta Island: preserving and increasing the off-leash dog park.

I visit Fiesta Island at least 2-3 times per week with my 10 year old poodle mix dog, Jack, and my husband and daughter often come with us.

This is my dog's favorite place on earth. It has everything he needs and allows him to run and enjoy himself in a way he just can't at other off-lease parks.

We have met people and dogs here that we have now known for years and years. It is truly our happy place, and it is perfect the way it is. Please leave this wonderful little jewel as it is.

Thank you,

Angela Flood
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From: [Trisha Valdivia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:29:03 PM

Fiesta Island is perfect as is.

As a long-time user of the off-leash Fiesta Island for my dogs, I support FIDO and OPTION B. It would be an absolute shame to make any changes to the logistics of the island.

Thank you.

Patricia Valdivia

Carlsbad, CA

From: [Anne Seisen Saunders](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 12:39:42 PM

I am writing you to beg and demand that you adopt Option B for the dog park on Fiesta Island. One of the things that makes San Diego unique is having this incredible dog park. My dogs love it. It gives them a chance to really be dogs in a safe environment. It is one of the big reasons why I love San Diego and remain here. Since most of the parks require a leash it is the only place that San Diego dogs can really run and sniff. It is also such a great place for training dogs. Since so many San Diegans have dogs this is essential for San Diego to keep it's reputation as a wonderful place to live.

Option B would divide the area and make the whole Fiesta Island experience much worse.

Please support Option A to preserve our current off-leash area.

Thank you
Anne Saunders (and dogs Bruno and Chanel)

From: [Kate A](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:26:28 AM

Hello,

I'm writing in regards to this Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

I believe this island is sacred to the integrity of the community in San Diego because this island provides the outdoor space for dogs to get most ample exercise and to lessen the nuisance created by dogs who do not have enough space to run around. In my experience as a veterinary assistant and humane society volunteer, this kind of area must not be sacrificed.

Thanks,
Kate Arrants

From: e.lima
To: PLN_PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:32:56 PM

Looking at the master plan on line there is quite a large undertaking reshaping the island dredging channels. I would like to see an environmental impact study on how this would affect the entire tidal flow in and out of the bay and how long it would take for the marine environment to re-stabilize, not to mention the muddying of water in the area.

Also there are no provisions to include the current dog leash free area my main reason for visiting Fiesta Island an area with full access to the water and ability to drive up to this area shore without a berm separating the shore access parking lot than road is 300ft walk to access the shore like the rest of the plans for the Island I am disabled and can't walk 300ft to access the water. With my dog.

Please concenter including a leash free access area to the shore line for all dog owners

Thank you for your consideration

Ed Lima

Santee Ca 92071

Sometimes God will deliver you from the fire,
and other times God will make you fireproof.

Joel Osteen

From: [Sambrano.Vanessa.S](#)
To: [undisclosed.for.privacy](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:51:50 AM

I would like to ask that you please keep Fiesta Island as is. My husband and I, as so many other San Diegan pet owners, consider this our favorite park. We personally walk our dog 3-4 times a week, having this area to exercise and enjoy great views of San Diego makes us very happy. This is the best off-leash park in San Diego, please don't take it away. We also use this as a gathering area to meet our friends and their pets and meet a lot of new people who love and care for their pets.

We would love to see the area mowed more often in hopes to control the fox tails. The fox tails can cause a great deal of harm to our pets. It would be fantastic if we could completely get rid of the fox tails.

The size of the park is very important, having so much space allows all of us to enjoy peaceful walks without feeling crowded. Having enough space helps give us more control with our pets and makes it more enjoyable.

I support Option B for Fiesta Island -Fido's Plan.

Please don't take our "Happy Place" away.

Vanessa Sambrano

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From: [Aaron Thompson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:55:02 PM

As a resident of Bay Park, 92110, **I am writing to support Option B** for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and I, including our two very active border collies, visit the off-leash dog park at least once a week as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. **If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family**, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in this neighborhood. In fact, I proposed to my wife (Jillian Basinger) while with our dogs at the off-leash space.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
<http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>

Off-leash, protected (**vehicle free**) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Aaron A Thompson, PhD

From: [Whitemore, Wendy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@FIDOSD.org"](mailto:info@FIDOSD.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:37:04 PM

I have been enjoying the use of the Fiesta Island off-leash park for many years with my large dogs. There is no place else in San Diego like this area where humans and dogs alike can exercise together. If you've ever taken your dog there and witnessed the joy he expresses in being able to explore and run around, free as the wind, you wouldn't consider taking away this place of beauty.

I support Option B and the opportunity to leave the area intact and not divided by a road or more fences and keep it preserved for off-leash use.

Wendy Harkonen

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From: [TJ Smith](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:47:53 AM

I fully support FIDO SD's Option B, preserving the current off-leash area of Fiesta Island intact.

Additional development of Fiesta Island will lead to increased traffic - there are no public transit options or bike/walk paths to the island without crossing busy highways, pollution - reducing overall air quality in our already fragile ecosystem, negatively affect the nesting area at the edge of the off-leash park, increase noise, and further limit the options for people and their pets to enjoy the bay.

My family (including our dog) use the park weekly - more so in the summer to cool off and enjoy our wonderful sunny weather. It is one of the few areas we can enjoy the more calm bay in a more manageable space.

Please allow the park to remain intact reserved for off-leash use and not divided by a road, fences, an amphitheater, or any other nonsense.) and preserved for off-leash use. It is a perfect size to allow dogs to run free and play while still being separate from cars and traffic making it safe for the dogs and humans alike.

I am sure the California Coastal Commission will want to protect our coastline and ensure that it can be used and enjoyed by our residents and visitors for years to come. Allowing the park to remain as is, would benefit future generations.

TJ Smith
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San Diego, CA 92105

From: [Jon Losee](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: jlose@fidocsd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:31:06 PM

I support the establishment of the Fiesta Island Dog Park as a safe, leash-free area for dogs and people. It is important for all of San Diego to have open areas for dog health - mental and physical. Many other dog running areas are not large enough nor do they have sufficient fencing to be completely safe for all.

I support Option "B" to keep the leash-free area large and open. If the area is divided then it will not provide the same walking and dog running environment.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park won an award as the Best Dog Park in the USA. It is a valuable asset for attracting the increasing pet travelling tourists to San Diego.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park is an important resource for all of San Diego. Let's keep it that way.

Jon Losee
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San Diego, CA 92107

From: [Joann Yao](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:06:45 AM

Hello - I am a Pacific Beach, San Diego resident writing to express my support for maintaining the fenced off-leash dog area on Fiesta Island. San Diego has few open areas to take dogs off-leash. The beaches and parks do not permit it. Leaving in-tact places like Fiesta Island offers dog owners a safe place to let dogs release their energy, making the dogs better behaved at home. Please keep this area. Best, Joann Yao

From: [Christian Winkle](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:38:22 PM

As a longtime taxpayer in San Diego I urge the Planners to support Option B for Fiesta Island. A large, fenced-in dog park needs to be included in the master planning. A dog park without ampitheatres, roadways, docking areas and other unwanted "improvements."

Option B will underline the Council Directive from 1972 which created Fiesta Island as an off-leash area in exchange for giving up the right to use the beaches for leash-free recreation.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Christian F Winkle
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From: [Carolyn Keating](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:56:47 AM

San Diego is one of America's most populated cities and is well-known for many reasons. Recently, Fiesta Island was nationally recognized as the top dog park for its extensive leash-free area along the water and similar access to bonfire pits, a rare experience for dog owners in this city. Excepting Fiesta Island, the only well-known areas where dogs are permitted to be off the leash both at all hours of the day and near the ocean are in Ocean Beach, Coronado, and Del Mar. I would ask you to consider whether this seems reasonable, when the city of San Diego has 70 miles of coastline and how many of its constituents are dog owners.

Fiesta Island, in its current form, is a central community that serves people of all interests. With minimal cost to the City, dog walkers, cyclists, jet skiers, runners, and others can pursue their own interests. Just a stone's throw away is Mission Bay park, for those who prefer vast, manicured parks with extensive playgrounds for the children. While Fiesta Island Road could be widened to better accommodate cyclists and small improvements to facilities are welcome, I believe that it would be a mistake to develop Fiesta Island (Option A).

My family and friends have been coming to Fiesta Island daily since my early childhood; you could say that I was raised on the beaches there, building sandcastles that our dogs would knock over. Over the years, the number of people making walking their dogs at Fiesta Island a routine has exploded. On any given day, there are tons of people enjoying the sunshine with their dogs. There is no other place like this in San Diego, where the community bands together to bring water, furniture, bags, and toys to all who visit. To place a road in the middle would disrupt the area and also increase the risk of pets getting hit by cars. Once taken, these areas will forever be lost to dog owners and our precious coastal access will continue to shrink, until all that remains are the early morning and evening hours.

As a member of FIDO, I strongly support Option B. The City has everything to gain from leaving the island largely as it is.

From: [susan caldwell](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:23:56 PM

Re: PROJECT NAME: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mission Bay Park

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Bay Ho, 4060 Huerfano Ave, San Diego, 92117, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

“Option B” supports a parking area that will not extend as far, and will provide for a view pavilion and view plaza; picnic tables; running trail; maintenance/emergency trail; native, least tern and eel grass habitat areas; and dog off-leash non-native vegetation play areas, for a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within this southwest area.

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

My family and I visit the off-leash dog park a minimum of twice a week as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016.

Option B is the best option for our four-legged friends, our health and our tourist visitors.

[Best Dog Park](#): Fiesta Island in San Diego

Much of San Diego's large and sandy Fiesta Island is designated as a leash-free zone, so Fido is free to romp across sand dunes or go for a swim in the calm bay. Visitors will also find bonfire rings around the island's shore, perfect for an evening on the beach with the pooch

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Susan Caldwell
4060 Huerfano Ave #248
San Diego, CA 92117

Mobile (858) 663-0370

From: [Lindsay O'Dea](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:28:20 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

The off-leash area is an important part of our community that brings people together to enjoy our bay front while working to train dogs in a fun environment for the entire family. It should be established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park plan as soon as possible. The City's Option A would divide this beautiful, natural landscape and greatly decrease space for dog lovers and their family's to safely exercise, train and enjoy their pets.

Please consider what this park means to community members as it currently stands and hear our concerns with the proposed plans to divide this wonderful resource we all appreciate.

Thank you,

Lindsay O'Dea

From: [John](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 10:00:08 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in regards to the possible redevelopment of Fiesta Island located in San Diego, CA.

Above all I prefer the no-action alternative in it's entirety. I value the undeveloped look and feel of the area and any additional roads or buildings would take away from one of the last unspoiled areas we have within the City. I enjoy cookouts, picnics, and water recreation of all types. We don't need further amenities, the natural look feel of the island is the attraction itself.

If redevelopment does occur, I urge strongly that "**Option B**" be adopted for the off-leash dog park area in the South West corner of the island. I do not wish to see the area divided by roads and fences and with the popularity of it we will need all of the space we can get. I visit at least weekly to enjoy the water and fresh air, not to mention the enjoyment it brings my dogs.

Thanks for you consideration.

John Janke
Resident, City of San Diego

From: [Denise Sprague](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:45:21 AM

Please reconsider your plans to develop Fiesta Island. For years my family has been enjoying the ability to give our dogs the experience of running free and acting like dogs. San Diego is not the most "dog friendly" city, with respect to the availability of dog parks which makes Fiesta Island so unique. We are so proud of this gift, we use it as a tourist stop for out of town guests.

San Diego has so many wonderful attractions and we feel Fiesta Island is one of them. We are proud to support it and hope that and hope that Planning Commission will continue to allow us to enjoy the remarkable park.

Thank you for your your attention.

Sincerely,

Denise Sprague and William Fisher

From: ajblakeslee@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Mayor Kevin Faulconer](#); [CouncilMember Lorie Zapf](#); [Councilmember Barbara Bry](#); [Councilmember Christopher Ward](#); [Councilmember Myrtle Cole](#); [CouncilMember Chris Cate](#); [Councilmember Scott Sherman](#); [CouncilMember David Alvarez](#); [Councilmember Georgette Gomez](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:03:27 PM

Dear City Officials,

I urge you to Support Option B!

Fiesta Island Dog Park is not only a local treasure, but a national treasure. In U.S. dog parks, it is nationally recognized as largely unrivaled in space and variety of terrain (beach, fields, trails). This is important because San Diego is only as great as its outdoor spaces. If we start breaking our parks (especially this centrally-located one) into piecemeal, we lose face as a special place in the state and country worth visiting and living in. Fiesta Island MUST be preserved as is and remain untouched by city development permanently.

If not nothing else, Option A is a terrible financial decision. From the start, it would create a new and unending financial burden for the city to remedy the environmental consequences of developing this space. Most importantly, this includes, but is not limited to: increased noise pollution (starting from none at all right now), which is especially pertinent given that it is located across from another important city attraction - Sea World; wall to wall traffic on crucial north to south highways like I-5 and surrounding east to west roads for longer periods of the day; and increased litter for the city to pick up. These are bigger consequences than the city has resources to address. Thus, development is only a lose-lose situation for the city and regular park users.

Also, a note about these regular park users: San Diego is renowned for its dog friendly reputation. With this many dog owners who make use of Fiesta Island on a daily basis, they won't be happy if Fiesta Island is changed in any way. If Option A passes, they will lose confidence in current city officials who ignore their voice on this matter and move forward and throw their support behind new people who run for city positions in the future.

In the end, the negative environmental, cultural, and financial effects are not worth price to San Diego's state and global reputation and would only deter future investment in our city. Additionally, there are plenty of other places east (inland) of Mission Bay worth consideration where the city could accomplish the same development goals.

Support Option B!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Allison Blakeslee
San Diego CA 92116

From: [Jennifer Lingenfelter](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:25:31 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jennifer Lingenfelter, I live at 1027 Pearl St #2, La Jolla, CA 92037. I have 3 dogs who LOVE Fiesta Island off-leash dog park and beach. PLEASE do not develop it. I support Option B - preserving Fiesta Island. I was unable to be at the meeting last night because I was working, but I want to make sure that my opinion is heard.

My 3 dogs go to Fiesta Island 3-4 times per week. It is their favorite place on earth. We usually walk the perimeter of the off-leash park twice - it is excellent physical activity for both me and the dogs. All 3 dogs love swimming in the water there because the water is pretty calm/the waves are not too overwhelming for my little Shih Tzu. I've only encountered friendly dogs and humans there. Actually I only have my current job because of someone I met there. It truly is a special place. It would be forever ruined if it was developed or if a road went through it. The size is important because my Portuguese Water Dog doesn't get the same exercise in the smaller dog parks. Honestly, the size of the off-lease dog park/beach is one of the best things about San Diego. We regularly have visitors from out of town and whenever I take them there, they immediately fall in love and want to move to San Diego because of Fiesta Island off-lease dog park and beach. Nothing would make me happier than to see the current Fiesta Island off-leash dog park and beach be established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan.

My only issue with Fiesta Island is the foxtails. I have spent thousands of dollars on my dogs removing foxtails and fighting infections, but honestly that money is worth it with how happy my dogs are when they are at Fiesta Island off-leash dog park. However, I would be interested to see if mowing more frequently there would help control the foxtails. If you need more information about the foxtails, you can talk to my groomers Nicki and Doug at Uptown Woofs, my vet Dr. Benitez at Governor Animal Clinic, or any of the staff at Veterinary Specialty Hospital in Sorrento Valley.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Jennifer Lingenfelter

From: [Faye Sherman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:22:36 PM

Please adopt Option B for Fiesta Island. We do not need to water another park. Water is a precious resource.

We are already spending money on the Campland area of the Bay.

As a longtime resident of the area, my dog and I enjoy the experience of Fiesta Island. Where else can one get a "wilderness experience" in the City? To have a place to exercise both myself and my dog is truly wonderful.

Please adopt Option B.

From: [Patsy Lippiatt](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:41:52 AM

Please go with Option B for Fiesta Island it is my favorite place to take my dog and I feel it is one of the safest places to take her. She loves to swim and run . If a road was built I would be concerned about my dogs safety. I can deal with the fox tails ,my dogs safety off leash is the most important. I live close by and it is just a short drive for us to stretch our legs. USA Today already voted Fiesta Island the #1 dog park in the US.

Patsy Lippiatt
4233 Mt Henry Ave
San Diego , CA 92117

From: [jenny mcca](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:58:59 AM

I am a San Diego resident of the Clairemont neighborhood who has been enjoying Fiesta Island for years. It is a much needed gem for dog owners to be able to enjoy San Diego with their dogs in one of the VERY FEW leash free areas in all of San Diego.

I strongly support designating Fiesta Island as a dog park.

Jennifer McCaa
6931 Rockglen Ave
San Diego CA 92111

From: [Thomas Silloway](mailto:Thomas.Silloway@pln.org)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@pln.org)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:01:58 PM

Hello,

I would like to make it known that I support Option B.

My family and I take our dog to Fiesta Island almost every weekend and enjoy it thoroughly as is.

It's the only wide open space in San Diego to hike with off leash dogs and enjoy the feeling of being surrounded by nature, instead of surrounded by people and crowding like at the off leash dog beaches and other dog parks.

The size and openness of the park is critical to the area's ability to fulfill this role in San Diego and it no longer will if Option A is accepted.

Fiesta Island is the only park that I feel safe allowing my dog to run and play fetch and allows him to fully utilize his sprinting speed and endurance over long distances. Each of the other parks are much too small to fulfill this need. If Option A is accepted, Fiesta Island will no longer fit this need either.

I fear that it'll become more common that people will take their dogs off leash in parks that are not designated as off leash parks because they seek large, open area that Fiesta Island would no longer provide. This will cost the city more money to pay for enforcing these laws.

I urge you to please keep Fiesta Island like it is now and accept Option B.

Thomas Silloway
10766 Sabre Hill Dr #258
San Diego, CA 92128

From: [Amber Julene](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:33:37 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

As an involved resident of San Diego, I SUPPORT PRESERVING FIESTA ISLAND - and oppose the development of construction over this land.

My dog Luna loves to go to Fiesta Island off-lease dog beach (its a wonderful alternative to the often hectic Ocean Dog Beach) and we would both be devastated if this gem of a beach disappeared under unnecessary development and road access.

I believe San Diego is already thriving, and doesn't need one more amphitheater/rec center to make more money - what we should be focusing on is preserving this area of nature that brings joy to SO MANY people and dog owners.

Finding alternative areas to develop property is more feasible than finding alternative dog beaches.

I urge you to please consider leaving this amazing dog park be.

Thank you for your time,

Amber Julene Hoover
{Creator of Beautiful Things}

From: [Margaret Green](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:46:07 AM

I support plan B.

San Diego can demonstrate fiscal responsibility, environmental awareness and community responsiveness through prudent and restrained development of the dog park for local and visiting dog owners.

Thank you,

Margaret Green
San Diego resident and dog owner

From: [Helene Sherman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:16:46 PM

Hello,

I would like to urge the City to adopt Option B for Fiesta Island. In terms of the environment we do not need to use our limited water resources, in a region of persistent drought, to water another green park area. As the land was once a dump, if I understand correctly, then the less digging and upsetting of the land, the better for both humans and animals.

In addition to this, as a resident of Pacific Beach, I notice that the only time the parks are full, are 4th of July and Labor Day. Parking lots rarely fill up, even on Memorial Day; unless of course, the weather is exceptionally hot and sunny....which lately has been a rare occasion!

The City should be spending taxpayer money elsewhere. If spent on Fiesta Island, money would be better spent creating better drainage in the Enchanted Cove area.

And lastly, my dog and I love to roam on Fiesta Island. To watch my Golden Retriever be in the moment, to swim, fetch, and run the 99 acres with abandon, is a wonderful sight. And given my recent medical issues, it is truly human therapy to watch these dogs enjoy life moment by moment. Please...please adopt Option B.

Respectfully,
Helene Sherman
A PB and Mission Bay resident for 36 years

From: [Steven Shao](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:52:41 PM

Hi,

I support option B. Fiesta Island is a one-of-a-kind place where you can walk your dogs unleashed. If the road is built, then many will lose the ability to walk their dogs unleashed.

From: [Jessica Weismann](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:40:11 AM

I support option B. I take my dogs to Fiesta Island every weekend. It is their chance, and mine, to get exercise. When it is hot, they love being able to access the water around the entire island. It makes my heart happy to be able to watch them run around, play in the water and make new doggie friends. Please do not make any changes to the size of the access or the access to the water. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. My zip code is: 91977.

Jessica Weismann

From: [John Falkenthal](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:26:16 PM

To Whom It May Concern

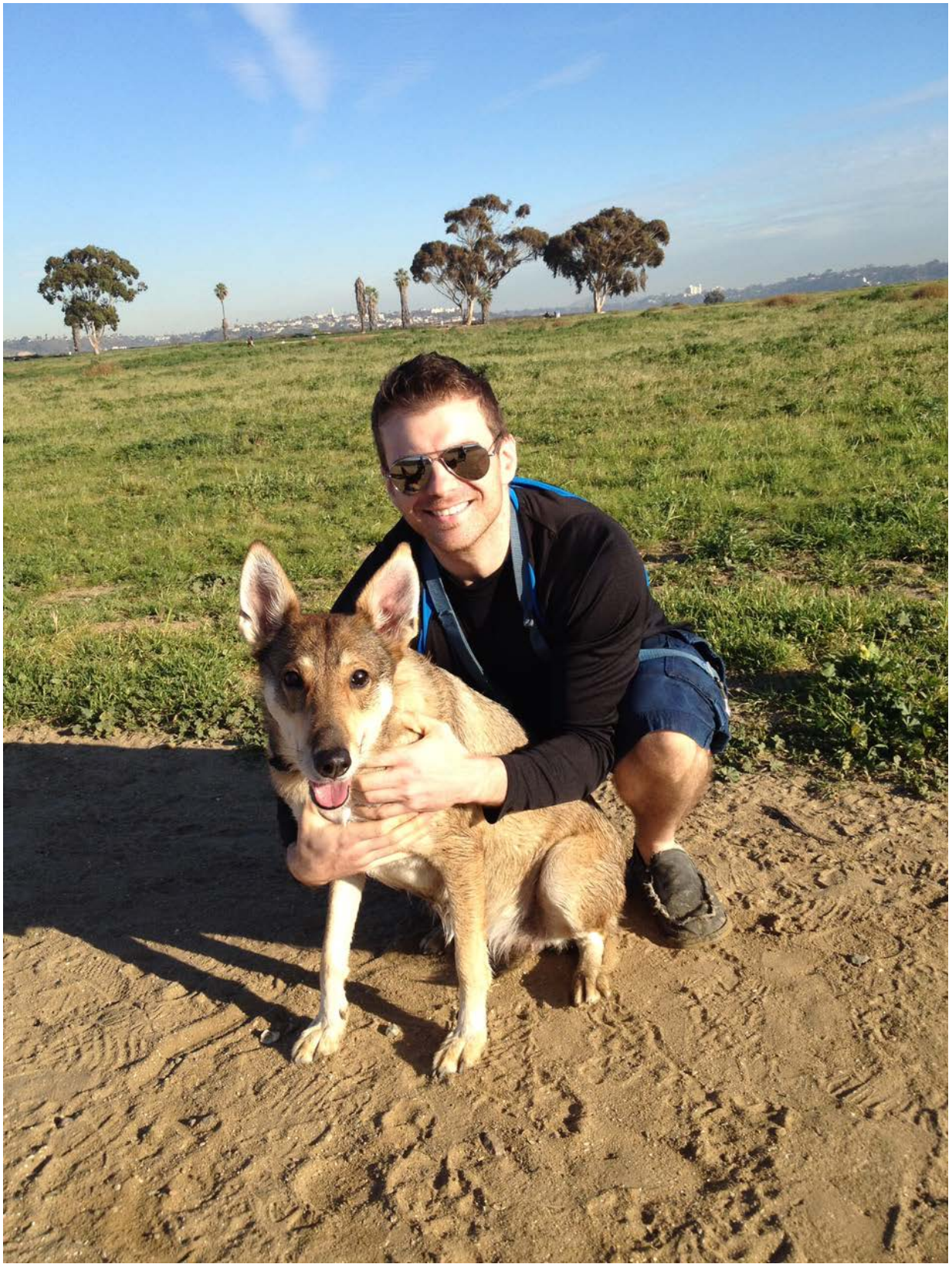
I am a San Diego city resident, going on 45 years now. I take my dog to the Fiesta Island off leash area every weekend, as do many of my friends. I would like to see this part of Fiesta Island remain as is. Thank you.

John Falkenthal
4959 Mt Ashmun Dr
San Diego CA 92111

From: [Adam Yudman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:03:14 PM

Hi. My name is Adam and I am a local resident who recently learned of a plan to unnecessarily butcher what is one of my favorite spots in this city. I take my dog to Fiesta Island a minimum of 4 times a week. Whenever friends and family visit from out of town it's the first place we go. They are amazed at the large, restriction free area for our pets to roam. Plan A would be totally devastating to this. Cutting off the area with a road is completely asinine. I am 100% in favor of OPTION B and will make it my personal mission to make sure option A does not pass and hold those who are in favor of it personally accountable.

-Adam Yudman



From: [Kathryn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:24:50 AM
Attachments: [FI Letter.docx](#)

I am writing in support of Plan B:

The Fiesta Island fenced, off-leash area has become very special to our family as we visit this area multiple times a week. We have two female black labs who are now 12, one of them is a little shy and the sheer size of the park is a blessing. We can avoid others by taking a detour and that cannot be done at other “dog parks” in the city nor will it be feasible if Plan A is implemented with a road, fences, an amphitheater, etc. My girls and I spend many mornings at the park and enjoy seeing the sunrise over the water with the city on the horizon, watching the first planes take-off from Lindbergh Field, and socializing with other dog families who are now our friends. I cherish this peaceful and rejuvenating time with my girls, not only is it good for the body, but also good for the soul. In addition, as a fitness trainer, I am always impressed to see so many healthy dog owners out getting exercise with their pups!

Our beloved area was recently voted “Best Dog Park in the USA” by USA Today. Unfortunately, this 90- plus acre, leash-free area has not even been designated as an official dog park – it’s time for that to change! In 1972, the city passed Ordinance O-10843 which banned dogs from all city beaches from 9am to 6pm except for Fiesta Island and OB dog beach. Because of this ordinance, Fiesta Island and OB dog beach are the ONLY places where off-leash dogs can enjoy the shoreline at any time of the day. Not only do my labs love the water, but so do my children, and the fenced-in area is a place where as a family we can ALL safely enjoy the beach. (No fences at OB dog beach.)

Reading through the Public Notice I find:

“The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement.”

– This area is already used by thousands of individuals and families who get exercise with their dogs in the fenced-in area 365 days a year all day long, rain or shine. It is literally the most used area in Mission Bay.

– Plan B is obviously the option with the smallest environmental impact and the least amount of development.

– Plan A will be the most expensive option to implement and will require more water and maintenance thereby continuing the expense well into the future.

In addition, Plan A includes a public restroom in place of the “port-a-potties”. I live in Mission Hills near Presidio Park and would not step foot into one of those public restrooms, or get within 50 feet of one. They are a haven for drugs and transients. I weekly observe the San Diego police clearing out the homeless from this beautiful park, wasting time and resources that should be put to better use protecting our city. The proposed public restroom in this 90-acre area will also become a haven for drugs and transients and will no doubt be a burden not only for the Parks & Rec department but also our already short-handed police.

Those of us who use this 90-acre area daily truly love it! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Howry
3620 Kite Street

San Diego, CA 92103







From: [John Gilham](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:40:04 AM

I vote Option B

However, as a cyclist whom uses Fiesta island, the off-leash dogs chasing cyclists is becoming a problem.

Please keep dogs ON leash, except in fenced areas. Otherwise, the city is not doing it's legal duty to protect its citizens when the statistical certainty of a dog catching a cyclist and seriously harming him/her.

Respectfully,

John Gilham CTO & Founder	Phone: 619.292.0800 x707 Email: john@agileit.com Meet: View & Book My Calendar	     
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From: [Jesus Hernandez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:06:13 AM

Good Morning,

I really wanted to take the time and reach out to plea with you to not take away the off leash park and to choose FIDO Option B. If this is taken away this will break the hearts of many many dog owners. We need to get together and make sure decisions are being made that benefit the community as a whole. We entrust people in leadership not to make decisions that only benefit in currency but to benefit the lives of individuals. I am really praying and hoping that you can leave this park alone and focus more on sub cities in San Diego that need more work and improvement to make our community a better and safer place to live. That is where all the energy should be spent, to restore the city not to take away something precious to this city and replace it something meaningless that might provide minutes of happiness rather than life time of memories and happiness that the Dog beach fiesta island brings and can continue to bring

From: [Jeff Hensel](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:09:47 PM

My name is Jeff Hensel and I live at 5645 Friars Road, San Diego, CA 92110

I support "**Option B**" to keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I use the Fiesta island off-leash area 6-7 times per week on average. It is an important part of my daily recreation.

For the good of the community, this area needs to be kept as is and not divided by any roads, fences or other structures/buildings. There are already many other areas in San Diego to access the bay/ocean with watercraft.

The Fiesta Island off-leash area is a unique dog park that was recently rated the top dog park in America. Reducing the size of or developing any part of this area would be a huge mistake that would be an embarrassment to the city of San Diego.

Thank you,

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Jeff Hensel

From: [Dave Imes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:57:02 PM

We, my wife and I, regularly use the off leash dog area with our 2 dogs. It is good exercise for all of us and a chance for the dogs to run and be dogs. Our mutt, Bizmarck loves running along the beach chasing after the noise of the boat wake as it runs along the shoreline. He also is a nut about swimming after things in the water. Occasionally we have to shorten our route since he will swim out to the buoys in the water ski area thinking that they are balls for him to play with. Our beagle, Patty, enjoys the wide open area in the middle of the fenced area. She will go off after a scent and is oblivious to everything around her. We feel safe letting her roam about and be a beagle at Fiesta Island, not something we can do near our home in Nestor. We understand that changes are coming to Fiesta Island and would like to see **"Option B"** keeping the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area as the final approved plan.

Thank you for your time reading this

From: [Barbara Dodd](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:51:35 AM

To : Our fine city of San Diego Planners

I am a widow with limited means, and when I take my beloved pooch to Fiesta Island and let her and I run unrestricted , the joy, relaxation, fun is huge. There is no place like it in San Diego Co. Please don't convert it with a roadl, etc, as in Prop. A but choose the far better alternative, Prop. B. In this time of cost restraints, it is so much better, not to mention the use for us dog owners, and other hikers who enjoy our wonderful Mission Bay. I use it at least once a week and I don't care about the weeds! They are part of the freeness of the area.

Please use Prop. B!!

Sincerely,

Barb Dodd and "Rica" the pooch

From: [Mary Savoia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:24:43 AM

I'm writing in support of Option B for the Fiesta Island plans. As a San Diego dog owner who lives across the bay and frequents the island often, I oppose splitting the off-leash dog area in two with a road. While the actual acreage loss is minimal, the road would create a new danger for dogs, areas to avoid and less continuity for play. As popular as it is now, I would prefer for the area to grow! Not shrink.

Fiesta Island is a very unique, natural multi-use area. The dog park has been voted the BEST in the COUNTRY! Please don't ruin it.

Mary Savoia
Pacific Beach

From: [Regina Hernandez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:53:27 AM

DO NOT tear apart Fiesta Island Park. Please pick FIDO Option B plan!

From: [Regina Hernandez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:50:59 AM

Good Morning,

I am reaching out to plead with you to please go with FIDO Option B plan. We are tearing the very essence of things that are good to this world and the natural beauty. This park brings friends and families together this place gets so much use, will there every be a day where there is something done for the better of people rather than just for your personal gain? Taking this away will not only destroy past and present memories but your also robbing the future memories people could have. Please do not take this away from the public and please leave this as an off leash beach, do something that will be good for the common man rather than compromise for a selfish agenda.

Best Regards,

-Regina-

From: [Aliena Mason](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:02:42 AM

I would like to let you know that I am strongly in favor of option B for Fiesta Island. I would very much like to see the whole dog park become a permanent part of the future of Fiesta Island and of San Diego.

My husband and I are seniors and the opportunity for enjoyable exercise for us as well as our dogs at Fiesta is unique in San Diego. We travel 36 miles round trip 6 days a week to enjoy the walks we have with our dogs off leash in the park. There are other dog parks that are nearer to our home but none that provide the space for us to exercise along with our dogs. The other parks are boring in comparison. The fact that we have access to the water is especially important when the weather turns hot. It allows us to continue to exercise and not worry about our dogs becoming overheated. In the dog park we walk 2 miles a day, something that I don't believe we would do anywhere else.

It has also become a place for socialization. Many of the same people use the park on a regular basis and that has allowed us to meet people and become friends. Since we no longer work, our social interactions have constricted. The people we have met at Fiesta have really helped keep us from becoming isolated.

Also, if the park is further developed, it would cause an increase in traffic. Right now there is an easy flow on and off the Island most days. Holidays and other special events can cause real congestion. Development and more events will just cause more congestion.

Plus, why would you have to take the land from the dog park? There is another end to the Island. If you really have to build something, why not use the other end of the Island and make the dog park a permanent part like it is now. It really is a unique and precious area to the many people who use it. It would also keep development away from the Less Tern nesting area, which I would think could be distressing to them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. This park, as it is, is extremely important to me and I hope that has come across to you. Please don't cut it in half or develop it. We need it!

Aliena Mason
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San Diego 92139

Sent from my iPad

From: [RJ Niewoehner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:15:03 PM

Hello,

I've been informed of the option before the committee in changing the current layout of Fiesta Island.

I'm writing to express my interest in the committee pursuing "Option B," keeping the current layout in-tact and expanding the off leash area. My wife, myself, and our pet frequent Fiesta Island probably once per week. There are other options for dog friendly beaches in the area, but we frequently choose Fiesta Island because of the wide open recreation area inside the fence to protect the dogs from cars.

I'm not interested in an amphitheater or roads cutting through the current area; I want to keep the area as it is, if not to expand it. And it'd be great if we can find something to do with all those foxtails. I was at my vet this past week with our pup, and she said she'd treated 4 cases of foxtails just that day. This is clearly a problem for our furry friends.

Option B, please. Please don't change our favorite SD recreation area.

RJ Niewoehner

UTC, SD

From: [Dee Dunn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:41:18 AM

With regard to the planned development of Fiesta Island, I am asking that you expand the park per Option B for the following reasons:

Safety is a huge factor. I take my dog to this park because the others are too small. Overcrowded conditions promote dog fights resulting in many injuries to both pets and their owners. Such conditions exist on just about every other dog beach except Fiesta Island because of its wide open spaces. If it is reduced in size it will not only create problems on the Island, but will result in even more overcrowded conditions at other dog parks as off-leash areas shrink in size and the dog population grows.

Moreover, the increased traffic will pose a safety hazard. Aside from dogs, there are bicyclists, joggers and horse riders that frequent the area. With a road being built across the Island for use by people who are more interested in getting to the amphitheater than enjoying a leisurely run, ride or walk, the chances of people, including children, and animals being injured or killed because of the increased and faster traffic flow will rise astronomically.

Along with the increased traffic will come elevated noise levels. And it's not just the concerts and traffic on weekends alone that will become an issue. There will be people setting up and practicing, so that the noise will be constant throughout the week. Gone will be our escape from the din of the city!

In addition, people who are handicapped and parents with babies currently enjoy the freedom of being able to push wheelchairs and strollers in a safe, open, flat area where they can find pleasure and relaxation in beautiful sea breezes and views that they ordinarily could not enjoy because of rough or sandy terrain. That place would be gone.

Option A will destroy a unique, beautiful area that attracts people from all over the country (I've met many of them), just to build yet another noisy, congestion-causing development that can be built anywhere. I will personally never attend an event there if the City's plan goes through, and I will encourage a boycott by others, including those who might be asked to perform there. I believe there will be a lot of support for such action since it is not only dog owners that will suffer a major loss from the implementation of Option A.

Fiesta Island is the only refuge of its kind in a large city. Please preserve this City treasure.

Darlene Dunn

Marlesta Drive

San Diego 92111

From: [Puppy Love Muffins& Specialty Dog Food](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:04:31 PM

Hello.

I am writing regarding the proposed development of Fiesta Island. While I really wish that there would be nothing done to Fiesta Island and it would be left as is, it looks like the city is planning on doing something whether we like it or not. Fiesta Island has been such a great place for so many years I guess I just don't understand or agree as to why it needs to be redeveloped in the first place. Having said that, if you insist on redeveloping an already perfect area then I believe option B to be the least obtrusive and best option. I visit Fiesta Island several time a month with my dogs. They absolutely love the water there. Fiesta Island is ideal for the dogs to swim. There aren't any dangerous waves or rip current like at the open beaches. The bay is perfect for them to run and play off leash. I only take them to the beach part of the island because the fenced in area is usually full of foxtails which are extremely dangerous for our furry friends. Also, I believe that this would encourage more road traffic and after last years horrible accident which left a cyclist paralyzed I would think you would want less traffic on the island. I hope that you really do the right thing. Once you change it we can never go back. Thank you.

Kathie Missett
Spring Valley, CA 91977



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From: [Lena Sims](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:13:31 PM

Please do not reduce the off-leash area at Fiesta Island dog park. We visit regularly, and it is one of the very few places in San Diego where our dog can run free and meet and play with other dogs. She is an energetic one-year old Weimaraner, and we hope that she will have that space available her entire life.

I also want to remark that we often see people out walking and running who might not otherwise be engaging in those activities were it not for the large off-leash area where they can bring their dogs. The Fiesta Island dog park is healthy for dogs and people.

We are so fortunate to have that, and it would be a shame to lose it. Please do not alter it.

Lena Sims
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From: natasha.thompson
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:05:57 PM

MY NAME IS NATASHA THOMPSON. I AM DEMANDING THA YOU DO NOT BUILD ON FIESTA ISLAND! LEAVE THE LAND ALONE. HOW GREEDY MUST YOU BE? EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL DOES NOT NEED TO BUILT UPON. THIS IS WHAT MAKES SAN DIEGO A TRAVELER'S DESTINATION IS PLACES LIKE THIS!

From: [Greg Apker](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:12:31 PM

Hello,

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the proposal to preserve the Fiesta Island Off-Leash area in its current form (Option "B").

Families and Patrons depend on the Size and Availability: The size of the park is critical to its value. Among the many virtues it shares with other dog parks, the Fiesta Island Off Leash area offers the (incredibly) unique opportunity for people and their pets to take a leisurely stroll together for older pets, owners, and families with small children. This is only possible with the currently allocated large space. ALL other dog parks in the county are very limited in size, ensuring that the dogs will be constantly preoccupied with other dogs (good for some dogs, but not always ideal for older or timid ones), but also that there little rooms for families to enjoy the space together. The Fiesta Island Off Leash area is unique in that it a wonderful place for all members of the family to stretch legs and enjoy the sun and beaches of San Diego.

The Fiesta Island Off Leash area is a unique and special place in San Diego county, beloved and depended on by many. Any reduction from its current for will significantly reduce its value and its charm, and undermine an important facet of the city - its family friendly emphasis on the enjoyment of San Diego's amazing climate and geography in its purest form.

Cheers,
Greg

From: [Doug D](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:28:59 AM

I'm for option B
Doug DPete 92110

From: [Gina Levine](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:56:19 AM

Dear San Diego Planning CEQA:

As a member of FIDO, I wish to weigh in with my opinion regarding proposed planning for the future of fiesta island.

I reside on forum street in the Clairemont area (92111) and have been using the fenced portion of the island for the past 15 years. It is one of my favorite places to go with or without my dogs as it is safe, wide open, and undeveloped. It's our little gem of waterfront wilderness and we want to keep it that way. It should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible.

In the past, I have used this area on a daily basis, now on a weekly basis. Free and open access to the shoreline is EXTREMELY important to me. The size of the fenced area is great, but bigger would even be better. I want it to stay intact for my exercise and recreation and not be divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater.

As far as what needs to be considered and analyzed for the EIR, I support OPTION B.

Thank you for your time and fair assessment of the community wishes.

Gina Levine

From: Y2KDiego@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 4:41:15 PM

To whom it may concern;

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the public hearing on the Fiesta Island Amendment on Tuesday, May 23rd. I am writing to request that you consider Option B as the best use for the property. Like many others, I am a dog owner and frequently use the fenced area at Fiesta Island to allow my dog to roam free and play with the other dogs, its ball and enjoy the water. The joy that I see on my dog's face is priceless. I am sure that the many other dog lovers using this facility would say the same about their dogs. Please don't take this happiness away.

Sincerely
Jerry Hughes

From: [Martin Hawks](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:09:58 PM

We use the dog park all the time. Our dog loves it, and we really want to keep the park alive. our dog loves the park, and we regularly take jogs around the perimeter. We all support Option B and don't want the park to shrink.

From: [Matt Ziglar](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:16:35 PM

Please consider option B for the planning of this area. We visit the off leash dog area almost every day of the week and believe it makes this part of San Diego truly unique.

Thank you!

Matt Ziglar

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Connie Kaplan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:20:37 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Connie Kaplan and I visit Fiesta Island at least twice a week with my two dogs. I love the availability of a large off leash beach area to run and swim dogs. I support Option B for continued usage of Fiesta Island in this manner. There are many developed areas in San Diego and increasing development on Fiesta Island would only increase the traffic congestion in the area. Fiesta Island is one of the few natural undeveloped areas left in San Diego and I would like to see it remain that way.

Sincerely,
Connie Kaplan
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San Diego, CA 92109

From: [N.M](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:52:35 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing in strong support of **Option B** for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update.

San Diego intends to develop a plan that:

"respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

As long-term (10+ years) dog owners and users of Mission Bay Park, we strongly believe that **Option B** best serves San Diego's needs.

The Fiesta Island off-leash area and access to the beach areas is a unique feature of San Diego and should be preserved and protected per Option B. As is evident from a stroll around any area in our city, San Diego is a dog-loving community. Fiesta Island provides a safe, clean, tranquil space for dog owners and their dogs, as well as the many people who enjoy simply walking / jogging on Fiesta Island. It provides a clear delineation between off- and on-leash areas. This protects us all - dogs, dog-owners, and non-dog owners.

Option A will greatly reduce the area available for dog-owners, walkers, nature lovers, joggers etc. to use - and feel comfortable while doing so. Traffic will greatly increase resulting in a significant negative impact on the unique nature of Fiesta Island. Access to our shoreline will be removed.

San Diego is a wonderful city - let us keep our unique "nature" spaces as they are.

Andrew Nugent
Bella Nugent
3665 Jackdaw St
San Diego 92103

From: [Krista Van Tassel](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:56:28 PM

Dear San Diego Planning Committee,

I am writing today to share my comments on the plans for Fiesta Island.

As a San Diego tax payer, citizen and dog owner, I wish to convey my desire for Fiesta Island to remain an open, leash-free place of recreation for dogs and their people. I strongly support Option B for Fiesta Island, the option the option that allows Fiesta Island Dog Park to remain intact.

It is rare to have such a gem of a park within city limits and I do hope unfettered access to this incredible, award-winning dog park will continue for the long-term. For me, Fiesta Island Dog Park is the highlight of a weekend with my pup. He and I take advantage of the space weekly, as we both love being in the water, running through the grass and meeting friends on two and four legs alike. Fiesta Island Dog Park is a wonderful place for the city of San Diego and a reason many of us choose to remain in the city limits, as we know we will have plenty of space to run and walk with our dogs and with each other.

San Diego has well-earned its reputation as America's Finest City and a place exceptionally friendly to dogs and their people. I hope that the city will commit to keeping Fiesta Island Dog Park open to dogs without disrupting current space allowances. I further urge the city to continue to maintain water access, reduce dog hazards like fox tail grasses and reinforce fences and double gates to protect dogs from cars and others using Fiesta Island.

Having an open area to run and play with my dog is one of the main reasons I chose to live and stay in San Diego. In fact, I'm a resident of nearby Pacific Beach and one of the reasons I opt to live and stay in this neighborhood is because of our proximity to Fiesta Island. It is truly one of our favorite places to be and we look forward to helping maintain it and enjoy it for many years to come.

Thank you,

Krista Van Tassel
Resident - 92109
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From: [Dawn Celapino](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:33:52 PM

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the possibility of development on Fiesta Island.

Fiesta Island is a treasure in San Diego. It is what sets us apart from so many other California Cities and puts us on the map as most dog friendly. We use Fiesta Island every single weekend in the summer time. It is a safe place for so many and a wonderful place to walk with the dogs off leash. It would really be perfect sans foxtails but we won't get picky! It gives the dogs an outlet so that they are better behaved when cooped up all day when their owners are working. Unlike other dog parks that are smaller, it is the only dog park that allows ample room for the dogs to run like they are supposed to run in a fenced in area that is safe for them. Without it, I am afraid there would be many dogs that are less obedient because they are bored to death. Plus, it allows them to swim in flat water, which is the safest and best form of exercise for them.

I am curious as to why the city feels there needs to be an amphitheater on Fiesta Island? Why do you feel the need to build on every single open space that we have? The kids have plenty of playgrounds on Mission Bay, where dogs are not allowed off leash or at all during certain hours. There are plenty of other parks with parking where an amphitheater could go including ski beach.

I would also recommend that boats be outlawed on the beginning of Fiesta Island and keep that area to man powdered vessels like kayaks, paddle boards, kite boards, etc. This will keep the area free of gas and dangerous jet skiers that come close to the children playing on the sand both at Mission Bay and at Fiesta. Keep the gas powered boats on the other side of the bay starting at DeAnza cove.

With over 40% of households now having dogs, I feel this off leash area is crucial for San Diego. Fiesta Island is jam packed with dog lovers and it is because it is an extremely unique and amazing place. PLEASE do not take it away from us!

That is my feedback and I know many others feel the same way. Unfortunately, I work on Tuesday nights so I am unable to attend the meeting. I hope that this letter will be sufficient in voicing my concerns.

Life is short, Get fit WITH your dog!

Dawn Celapino, owner Leash Your Fitness
Jack's Mom
Author of [Jack's Journey USA](#)

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From: [James Hamblin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:08:12 PM

My fiancé and I frequent fiesta island dog park at least once a week. It is a great place for us all to get exercise and enjoy the natural terrain. As a San Diego resident, I strongly oppose development of the area that in any way impacts the current space allocated for dogs to roam off leash.

-Jim Hamblin, Jennifer Pratt & "Paughco"

From: [Heather Garcia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:46:24 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I came to San Diego about 20 years ago for school and fell in love with the area. I attended college at SDSU, met my husband, and purchased a home in East Clairemont, where we have been tremendously happy. We have been taking our dogs to Fiesta Island for years and really truly enjoy the space and would be greatly disappointed if it were to have a road dividing the park.

With San Diego being such an outdoor driven and dog-friendly city, you would think that there would be more spaces to bring your dog with you off-leash, but there aren't, and there are even fewer by the water. I understand last year's water restrictions at the local community dog parks as California was(is) in a drought. However, it left most of the park's barren, dusty, and hot all summer for the pooches and people. Having a space like Fiesta during times like this allows for everyone to cool off and enjoy some needed time outside in the summer.

We are now raising kids as well as our dogs and another benefit to having fiesta islands fenced-in dog park is that I don't have to worry about keeping my dogs on-leash while holding the hands of both children. It gives the pooches some freedom to run and get exercise when I can't keep up with them and the little ones. Adding to this convenience is the peace of mind knowing that I can park relatively close to the entrance, even on the weekends. The OB dog beach or the Del Mar dog beach don't have this same convenience.

While all this is nice for the individual, I also think that adopting option B is good for the community as a whole. Having spaces like this is what drew me to the California lifestyle as a whole and persuaded me to plant roots here. It is community open areas such as this that make San Diego stand out from other cities. Without the fenced-in dog park, I doubt that we would have ever discovered Fiesta Island and all that it has to offer. There is enough space to develop on Fiesta Island without having to impede on the parameters of the dog park and take away how so many San Diegans enjoy their weekends. Thank you for your consideration on this subject and your time.

Sincerely,

Heather Garcia

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From: [Sarah Multz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:55:50 AM

To whom it may concern,

It is a terrible idea to do anything with this land besides let it be. Fiesta Island was rated #1 off leash dog park in the US! This isn't just a regular spot for all our 4 legged family members, but also a peaceful place within the city for hikers, bikers, families and a place to get away without driving. Please do not touch Fiesta. It is a staple of Southern California and you will have a large number of very upset locals if you do.

Thank you,
Sarah Jarzabek
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92108

From: [Miguel](#)
To: [Miguel Weinberger](#)
Cc: [Miguel Weinberger](#)
Subject: [Miguel: San PCB Update Plan Update - Contra Island Amendment](#)
Date: [Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 9:26:04 PM](#)
Attachments: [\[image\]](#)

To whom it may concern:

I vote for the Option B: FIDO plans for the beach front area as opposed to Option A- the city's plan. I vote to minimize any change to fosta island as it's perfect the way it is!

My family and I visit this park 2-4x a week. I live on Bond Street, San Diego, CA, 92105. I use this park to decompress after work. I work at Trendsource, on Pacific HWY. Further. I bring my dog, Simon, here so he can frolic around and get the exercise he needs while I do the same.

There are no other parks that provide a beautiful scenery, beach access and an off-leash escape as this park please don't disconnect the park into anything else that would stately change the experience for people and their pets!

Best,

Miguel Weinberger
Pacific Beach resident!



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elena Salsitz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:23:46 PM

From: Elena Salsitz [mailto:elssss@san.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 3:22 PM

To: 'planningceqa@sandiego.gov'

Cc: 'info@FIDOSD.org'

Subject: Fiesta Island/Mission Bay Master Plan: Leave Off-Leash Area AS IS -- NO ROAD GOING THRU

We support Option B regarding the proposed changes & development.

We are long-time frequent visitors to the leash free dog areas on Fiesta Island. The beach, the waters of the bay, and the large expanse of fenced-in space provide a beautiful and safe area for people and dogs to enjoy this wonderful space, safely isolated from roads and traffic.

Please do not run a new road through the fenced in dog park.

Fiesta Island is one of the jewels of our City. It is one of the most unique and wonderful elements, recognized by SD citizens and visitors alike, of a city that rightfully prides itself on its dog-friendliness.

Thank you for your consideration of the needs of a great many San Diegans, both two-legged and four-legged.

Elena Salsitz

From: [Corey Bassett](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:33:31 AM

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to submit public comment on the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment.

I am a strong supporter of efforts to increase environmental habitat and restoration areas and to support the off leash dog area.

I do not support any other type of development on Fiesta Island.

Thank you,

Corey Bassett
4378 Utah St
San Diego, CA, 92104

From: [Doug Smay](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:40:45 AM

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to add my support to FIDO Plan B for the Fiesta Island Dog Park.

Please leave the dog park as it is. We have perhaps the finest off-leash dog park in California. Please don't screw it up!

A San Diego Resident since 1947.

Doug Smay

2960 Chicago Street

San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Chris Burton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:25:45 PM

Hello,

Please keep fiesta island dog park as is! It is the only place we can go and let our dogs be free and be "dogs" at all hours of the day.

We live in crown point on the bay and it is so frustrating that we can't take advantage of the public parks with our pup (with our dog on leash) at any time of the day.

San Diego is a fun, community-focused spot most known for its amazing weather, year round; the perfect place to have a dog because you can really give her a great life!

We wish there were more spots like fiesta island for us to spend time with our dog who is part of our family. Please don't take this away from us! We rescued our pup 4.5 years ago and have done our part in supporting local adoption agencies that keep dogs off the streets of San Diego. We need to celebrate people who do things like this.

Please support the keep fiesta island as a place of ALL members of the family!

Thank you,

The Burton Family

From: [Darryl MacKenzie](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:31:20 PM
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"Option A", the city's plan, would divide our area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users.

"Option B", FIDO's plan, would preserve the current off-leash area intact. FIDO SUPPORTS OPTION B!

We are entirely behind Option B. We have enough hotels and development in Mission Bay, we only have one open area for Fiesta Island.

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From: [Sandy Amison](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:44:46 AM

I live in the 92126 area of San Diego. I have 2 dogs and come to the Dog park at Fiesta Island at least 4 times per week.

We support "Option B" FIDO Plan. The "undeveloped plan", the plan that leaves the area as natural as possible. The "Option B" develops the area in a way that over the long term will *require less money, less maintenance, less water and less wear and tear of the space*. The removal of Fox Tails and the designed plantings of San Diego Native Plants and the proposed pathways will enhance the area. Not only dog owners but also walkers and runners find the area a "safe" place to exercise without fear of being run over by auto/bike traffic. Developing the space as proposed in "Option B Fido Plan would also *require less security* for the area as it would remain an area not attractive for "partying".

Fiesta Island "Dog Park" was recently voted *Best Dog Park in the USA* by USA Today News. While walking with my dogs I have met dog owners from all over the country that come to San Diego because they can bring there dogs on vacation with them and have a wonderful place to walk, run and play. It's become a destination site.

Option B - FIDO Plan will also not disturb the underlying foundation of the the island which was built of sludge and dredging from the bay. Where would that debris go if disturbed?

Support of Option B - FIDO Plan would have *the least environmental impact* development for the area.
Put Fiesta Island Dog Park on the plan!



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From: [Margaret Newlin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:48:09 PM

Dear City Planners,

We are longtime users of Fiesta Island off leash dog area. We ask you to adopt Plan B, with the undivided off leash area.

Over the past 15 years, our dogs Abby and Sonny, then Maggie and Sammy, and now Maddie have all enjoyed stretching their legs and taking a dip in the water at Fiesta Island. We love not having to worry about cars and gates as we take our long strolls around the current area.

Why not put the rowing club along Sea World Drive, near the rarely used boat ramp, and utilize the current parking and bathrooms already in place? That would improve access for the rowers and greatly reduce the car traffic on the island.

Thank you for including dogs in your plan for developing the island. It is a unique and loved spot for humans, as well as our dogs.

Sincerely,
Maureen Nolan and Karen Maynard
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San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Jessie Montgomery](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 4:02:38 PM

I am in favor of FIDO's Option B plan, keeping the current off-leash area of fiesta island intact. I bring my puppy to this area at least twice a week if not more. It is the only off-leash area with enough space for both her and me to get ample exercise. Diving the space with a road will reduce the access for off-leash users such as myself and that would be a huge disappointment.

Thank you
Jessica Montgomery
92109

From: [Jon Benson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:30:39 AM

Greetings

I recently attended your EIR informational meeting last month. I was impressed with the level of detail presented and the effort put into this informational meeting.

I am a frequent, nearly daily, user of Fiesta Island. I find Fiesta Island a treasure of San Diego. Because of the nature of my use of Fiesta Island I strongly favor Option B. Why? Of all the places on Fiesta Island I love, my favorite is the shoreline directly across from Seaworld. This portion of shoreline is in a no-wake channel of Mission Bay. Because of this the wildlife found here is like nowhere else on Mission Bay. Along that shore line I have seen more wildlife than other parts of the bay. I have seen dolphins, sea lions, ospreys, and many other wild creatures.

Option B for the Master Plan is the only option that does not break up this long length of shoreline. It keeps the current length intact. This is very important to me. Let's keep the area as natural as possible by not disturbing this beautiful shoreline.

I hope you find my opinion as a frequent user of Fiesta Island valuable. Please move forward with Option B for the Mission Bay Master plan.

Thank you for all your work with this project.

take care,

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Jon D. Benson
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"There is no cloud. It is just someone else's computer."

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From: [Liz Blair](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:32:45 AM

Dear EIR Committee,

I understand the committee will be voting soon between two proposed land development options for Mission Bay & Fiesta Island. As a 10-year, multi-use and frequent visitor of Fiesta Island, I believe Option B is the only option which would maintain the integrity of existing use and reduce environmental impact to this very special and unique San Diego feature.

Currently, I visit the island 3-4 times per week for morning walks with my two dogs, and occasionally on the weekends for paddle boarding and jet skiing. The proposed Option A would ruin the nature and beauty of Fiesta Island with traffic congestion and parking lots. Does San Diego really need another public beach?

Please consider saving this rare gem and putting your support behind Option B.

Thank you,

Liz Blair
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From: [Charlie Plavi](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:11:55 PM

I support "Option B" that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. My family enjoys this area frequently. We meet people from not only San Diego County, but visitors from other counties and countries. They often comment that it is good to see that it has not been developed. Fiesta Island has been an unimproved man made island that was created from sewage sludge and should remain that way. Fiesta Island's charm is that it is an open space that people can enjoy with light vehicle traffic for bicycles, joggers, hikers, and equestrians as well as the dog park. Leave it that way. You don't hear people saying "let's change it", so why spend city money or let developers get their hands on it?

Sincerely,
Charlie Plavi
San Diego native and Santee resident.

From: kknudsen228@gmail.com
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:29:49 AM

Kyle Knudsen
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To whom it may concern:

I support option B in the proposed plan.

Regularly I take my dog to the area known as the fenced off dog park in the southwest corner of Fiesta Island. We love utilizing this area for recreation and dog training activities. The addition of a road through the area is a terrible idea because it would limit the available area for use by thousands of dog owners and park enthusiasts. In addition the traffic on the road would be a hazard to off-leash dogs and humans alike.

The proposed development in option A would also be extremely unpleasant aesthetically, more natural land preservation is preferred to development of roads and playgrounds or storage sheds. Seriously who would think it's okay to build unsightly storage sheds when you could preserve the natural beauty of the bay.

Noise is another concern as a road development would only increase the amount of traffic to the area.

I am also concerned about public services and litter with increased use of this area by non-dog owners. As it stands now many pet owners treat the area very respectfully, however the I have been to non-dog parks and the amount of trash and litter seems to be higher at these recreational parks.

It's obvious the planner didn't take into account who is currently using the land when they made their plan and a planner who does not get to know the area or does no impact study is no planner at all.

From: [David MacKinnon](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:26:21 PM

I'm writing in support of option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update.

While I cannot attend the meeting on 23 May I wanted to voice my support for option B because I believe it:

- 1) Is better aligned with the City's stated goals to "*develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement*"
- 2) Preserves the most common and widest reaching use of the area, namely dog walking and dog related recreation.
- 3) Is the only available area in San Diego for such a large, contiguous off-leash facility
- 4) Presents thousands of San Diegans with the opportunity to merge exercise (for people and pets) with a family friendly and safe environment

The other uses/plan for the area can be served elsewhere with less disruption to competing uses. As a frequent (2-3 times weekly) visitor to Fiesta Island I would be very disappointed if the layout were to dramatically change in such a way as to limit the size and usefulness of the off-leash area.

Thank you,
Dave MacKinnon

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David MacKinnon
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From: [Cheri](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:35:35 PM

I support option B.

I love bringing my dogs and children to "Dog island" as my kids call it. The kids love to run and play outside along with the dogs. They both get healthy, dirty, and tired.

We try to get there as often as possible from Mira Mesa, we use the 5 exit at Sea world dr. mostly on the weekends and holidays. Please leave the current fenced area as it is. I don't mind if the foxtails aren't removed, we mostly use the beach/bay area. Please don't divide the area. Un-developed or lightly developed areas are very important for us city dwelling people. This is one of the closest that I can bring my dogs too.

Thank you for all your work making our city better!

-Cheri Chandler
858-750-8317

From: [Lynn Wilson](#)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:22:02 PM

I support Option B!!!

Please keep this amazing resource for San Diego dog lovers!!

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From: [Rachel Smith](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:23:25 AM

I'm in favor of option B. As a biologist who also works with terns and plovers, having dogs there helps reduce other predators. Also when we don't have these designated off leash areas, it actually increases conflicts of dogs and endangered or threatened species who do breed on our local beaches.

Rachel Smith

From: [Carolyn Chase](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - Replace prior
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:19:07 AM

CORRECTED VERSION PLEASE REPLACE PRIOR EMAIL SENT YESTERDAY

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

The Recreation Element of the City of San Diego's General Plan begins with the following:

“Park improvement is among the most important of the undertakings now before the City. It should have the cordial cooperation of all.”

San Diego Union editorial on the City Park System, July 6, 1910

Purpose

To preserve, protect, acquire, develop, operate, maintain, and enhance public recreation opportunities and facilities throughout the City for all users.

With this spirit, I applaud the project to update the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and urge you to consider the entire park possibilities and issues and not just those on Fiesta Island, as they are connected in every way, except perhaps our human need to divvy things up for planning purposes. Let us never allow the limits of any specific planning area to divorce us from connecting issues and solutions in the rest of the park.

1. I would very much like to understand the impacts of the proposed Option A grading down the current cap/berm system in order to create a proposed "off-leash swimming beach" with a road to it. In the early years of this plan update, I saw a draft grading plan for the area but could not find out the details associated with it, i.e. how much material would be removed and to where. As I understand it, historically, the dredgings that form Fiesta Island, under the cap and berm system, were stopped from being dumped in the ocean. Will analysis of what's under there be done through testing during the environmental review? Option B leaves the existing berm system in place except for potential changes needed to improve the berm and access to and from the existing tidal beaches.

2. How can a maintenance plan to minimize foxtails inside the dog park be

established and undertaken? It is imperative that the area be managed as a dog park for either Option A or B and that means planning to change the landscape to manage for eradication of foxtails and then management to minimize them through a program of weeding and mowing. Projects to undertake this should be considered in the environmental review so that projects to change and manage the landscape, as a natural landscape minimizing foxtail seeds from propagating can take place after adoption. This could entail initially scraping down the areas with foxtails and then replacing and replanting with native shrubs. Ongoing mowing and appropriate times (prior to the foxtail seeds themselves forming and to stop propagation) and weeding as required needs to be allowed.

3. How much sand would have to be imported and from where to create the proposed beach, at what cost and how would it be retained there? Wouldn't it just wash away over time?

4. Would there be additional significant impacts associated with moving the proposed boating facilities in Option A out of the dog park elsewhere on Fiesta Island? Could the EIR discuss other ways to address the proposed paddler locations such as at South Shores or elsewhere on Fiesta Island such as across from South Shores along the South Pacific Passage?

5. The Mission Bay Master Plan includes this statement: *“As an open landscape, Fiesta Island should be the place where city residents and visitors alike find the ultimate refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter.”*

Planning to add an unknown number of new large Special Events degrades the ability for anyone to find Fiesta Island as a refuge from anything if more and more weekends are finding the island closed for Special Events. What are current numbers of daylight hours Fiesta Island is closed for access due the Special Events? What are the impacts to losing access to our “refuge from urban congestion” by adding too many additional Special Events? What is the significance threshold for this? Isn't this a Significant Land Use and Planning Impact? The loss of access needs to be understood and quantified.

6. What are the impacts and costs for Public Service including ongoing public safety impacts of adding restrooms as proposed in Option A? Yes it's convenient, but it's also expensive and creates other problems. There are already issues with 'urban campers' on Fiesta Island. Adding restrooms would add to that.

7. What is the current water quality in the channel where Sea World operates and where Option A proposes a new swimming beach? What are their discharges like? How often are they tested? What kinds of fecal matter from what species are in the channel now, by percentage? Other pollutants and sources?

8. Do least terns use the fenced area set aside for them in the SW corner of Fiesta Island? How many over the past few years have nested there? How many successfully?

Is there a difference between the species in that area and the species inside the fenced area? What kinds of snakes and other creatures live there now? I've seen pictures of snakes and I've seen rabbits myself. Option A would be more detrimental to the habitat for both direct and indirect impacts.

9, I noted in the NOP the description of Option B as including "picnic tables" and want to clarify that this was only meant to refer to existing meet-up tables that have been placed there by volunteers and not to be a "picnic" area. Picnic areas are not advisable in the dog park and FIDO does not propose them.

10. What would be the size of and the cost for the proposed "Special Event Hillside Amphitheater" in Option A. I have not been able to find anything about its size or why it's proposed there when there is already an amphitheater in the South Shores Plan nearby and it has also been brought up for the De Anza Area. What is the planning rationale and need for this facility in Fiesta Island or De Anza when it's been in the South Shores plans for decades?

11. With respect to the Planning Policies and the proposed Update

11a. General Plan Recreation Element Policy states:

RE-A.7. Establish a policy for park design and development which encourages the use of sustainable methods and techniques to address water and energy conservation, green buildings, low maintenance plantings and local environmental conditions, such as soil and climate (see also Conservation Element, Section A).

and especially:

RE-B.4. In planning, with respect to existing parks, give consideration to preserving the existing uses.

Off-leash dog use was established by ordinance on Fiesta Island and at OB Dog Beach in 1972 when dogs were banned on other City beaches. This Plan Update proposes to significantly reduce off-leash dog use and as some kind of trade-off, retain this usage behind the fenced area, mostly. But the mostly is a pretty big deal, because the introduction of a public road through the existing space in Option A - and related fencing and gates, intrude unacceptably to thousands of daily users and diminishes what is unique about this open space - its connected openness and intact size and circumference.

In reviewing the entire Recreation Element, there is no policy that requires or even mentions paving new roads into existing open space as is proposed in Option A.

The rationale for this road at the beginning of this planning process in 2006 was that there was a road planned there in the previous plan (circa 1994 and this section probably earlier than that), so we're going to put a road there in this new Plan. But I can find no justification for adding this road from a new planning perspective based on policies and the smart growth approaches of the current General Plan. Not in the Mobility Element, nor any other. Rather, "walkability" is a priority for "smart growth" in other General Plan Elements. In meeting with Coastal Commission staff to inquire directly about any requirement to put a road through to any beach in California, the answer is, generally no. You can plan them or not plan them based on other requirements. So whether or not the Option A road goes into the Plan is a choice, not a requirement and appears is inconsistent with other policies.

Adding a road through that open space in Option A is not justified from a usage, environmental or a cost basis. I attended a meeting with Coastal Commission staff in the earlier years of this planning project. A Dragon Boat paddler representative and I met together with CC staff to discuss our views of the Plan. It was their position that we should work out our differences. The specific conflict is the road. Users with dogs do not want the area divided and are supporting reducing access on the rest of Fiesta Island. I inquired to the paddler rep: How often would they really need that road to put-in or take out their boats. His answer, after they get them in there: "about once/year." I remain flabbergasted that this road was being demanded for that amount of use, when other underutilized access-points exist.

Another staff person told me that a road was needed in order to get to the proposed beach because "it was too far to take your cooler." I could find no policy related to this, in fact, "smart growth" policies pursue design that supports public health, i.e. how about a beach that people do have to walk to? Coastal Commission staff at the time told me, "there are about 12 miles of underutilized beaches around Mission Bay Park."

In sum their boats are currently stored elsewhere without conflicts and there is plenty of additional available space to add any new boats. From a planning perspective is off-leash use really compatible with boat storage? Dog owners don't mind, but I've heard boat owners say, "I don't want them peeing on my boat." I don't think there is a way to stop dogs peeing on anything that attracts them in the area.

11b. In the Introduction to the current Plan Update on the City's website you find the following:

"The fundamental goal of the Master Plan Update is to identify these new demands and chart a course for the continuing development of the Park which will sustain the diversity and quality of recreation and protect and enhance the Bay's environment for future generations to come."

In reviewing the existing Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update and Design Guidelines, South Shores/Fiesta Island you find the following:

"As a goal... South Shores should be intensively used park area that attracts visitors to a variety of public and commercial recreation venues yielding, in aggregate, a summary view of the park's grand quatic identity. For its part, Fiesta Island should remain essentially open yet supportive of a diversity of regional-serving public land and low-key, for-profit recreation and natural enhancement functions." (bold and italics in original)

Option B best allows for the combination of the old with the new, i.e. of reducing off-leash access in the rest of the island while preserving the open-space and natural recreation aspect of the remaining fenced area.

At this time, I want to see these principles in the new "smart growth" General Plan applied to this Plan update. The promulgation of policies related to sustainability, xeriscaping and overall natural landscaping are best expressed in Option B.

Finally and most importantly, I do find the policies cited above in the following: the NOP states: "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects the long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use and is economically feasible to implement."

In merely looking at Option A vs Option B, Option B on its face, is less expensive (no bathrooms, road, grading and filling for a new beach, amphitheater, fencing/gates etc), has fewer environmental impacts, and no new water or sewage usage). It also does the most to respect the long-term existing use on Fiesta Island for off-leash dogs established officially by ordinance in 1972 when dogs were banned from other City beaches with the exceptions of OB Dog Beach and Fiesta Island. By reducing the amount of Fiesta Island being used for off-leash use in the Plan Update for the rest of Fiesta Island, it only makes sense to conclude that Option B does the best job of respecting that use while reducing it elsewhere on Fiesta Island.

I am hopeful that the staff, after its analysis, will conclude to recommend that Option B best fits the stated intent.

Carolyn Chase
City of San Diego
Planning Commissioner (2002-2007)

President, Fiesta Island Dog Owners, (FIDO) 2017
San Diego CA 92109

From: [Janet Wall](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:58:50 PM

Hello,

I am writing to ask that you support option B for the Fiesta Island amendment.

I've been meeting my friends at the dog park on Fiesta Island every Thursday morning for many years. We all have Collies. Started out with a group of just two people and has grown over the years to include as many as 15 people at times and many more dogs. It's a special time of friendship and sharing and our dogs get the exercise they need. From the parking lot around the island and back it is a healthy two mile walk. We walk along the water while the dogs romp in the sand, swim in the water, chase balls into the waves, and some even search for gophers.

There's no place else that we know of in San Diego where we can walk that distance with the dogs and still have access to water. I ask that you please consider the hundreds, maybe thousand, of people that take their dogs to Fiesta Island every week and support option B. Thank you very much.

Jan Wall

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From: [Noah Patterson](#)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:09:33 PM

I strongly support option B, the FIDO plan, for Fiesta Island. I am a long time resident of San Diego and have been taking my dog to Fiesta Island daily for 12 years. I love the open space dog park - why ruin it with overdevelopment? Sometimes less is more. Adding roads is just going to increase the noise and pollution and won't make it a better space for dogs. The current size is great, it takes nearly an hour to walk the entire perimeter and is great exercise for both me and my dog. I love having the flexibility to go from the beach to the berm with a different route each time. The only improvements I would suggest to improve the park would be maintenance/mowing to control foxtails, cleaning stations to wash off dogs afterwards, and some small shovels attached to doggie bag stations. I always pick up after my dog, but would like to occasionally help clean up the area for others.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 2:09:48 PM
Attachments: [Support for Fiesta Island Dog Park Option B.pdf](#)

Hello CEQA Planning,

Attached is a letter/comment in support of Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment.

Thankyou for your consideration and time,

Amy Cooper
619-322-0045

From: [Jacqueline Bridge](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:30:40 PM

I support option B! If the city is going to develop Fiesta Island, I think it's important to continue to allow dog owners unfettered access.

I visit 3-4 times a week, sometimes more, with my Rottweiler. We drive from Del Mar because it is worth it to me to be able to let my dog run all he wants. Both of us enjoy the freedom to walk in the sand, in the water, or up top on the bluff. We both benefit from socializing with other dog owners and there are a lot of us.

Dog owners encompass a large demographic of San Diego. Why is it not that important for the city to realise that we, too, enjoy what the city parks and recreations have to offer us AND our pets? I have had many dogs over the years, all of whom have benefitted from being able to run free at least once a day in a large, open, and safe place.

We have a 'dog beach' in Del Mar that we currently share with volleyball players and beach goers that permits off-leash access from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Having to be leashed during the summer months while navigating the myriad beach goers to get to the water and then not to be able to play once there is sad. It's during the summer months that dogs benefit the most being able to run and play in the water freely.

We love Fiesta Island. For those of us San Diegans, your constituents, who own dogs It's important for us to have a safe place to go to all year around.

Jacqueline Bridge McCay

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Tablet

From: [Julie Crawford](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:09:35 AM

Dear Board

PLEASE ADOPT OPTION B.

As citizens are making more of an effort to live closer to their workplaces, schools, families and day to day living needs (supermarkets, etc), and development of remaining downtown space continues, options for dog owners to exercise their dogs off leash are diminishing. Rather than driving their pet on the freeways to a rural spot several times each week, Fiesta Island provides a "neighborhood " option for hundreds of pet owners. Beaches and public parks hours are primarily for citizens, and many smaller parks are marked "No Dogs". More and more "open spaces" in developments are also off limits.

Please do not shrink this heavily used public outdoor facility.

Sincerely

Julie Crawford

San Diego resident and dog owner/lover

Sent from my iPhone

From: kaitlinleveille@aol.com
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:07:20 PM

I am voting to adopt option B!!

I just moved here from Texas and going from a nice size yard to no yard is rough on my dog. My husband and I take our dog Jack to fiesta island multiple times a week so he can just run and play in the water. Jack gets so excited when we tell him we are going to the beach! He LOVES it! I've been to other dog beaches in SD before I discovered fiesta island and I was not impressed with them. At the other dog beaches I've been to you have to park ways away and then walk just to get to the off leash beach and then they are super crowded. Which isn't fun. Even on a packed day there is always plenty of parking and then the beach is right there, which is awesome! Fiesta island is PERFECT and I will always choose to go there over any other dog beach in SD. I also love that it's fenced in so I don't have to worry about Jack getting out. There's just so much space for my Jack to run around and get his energy out! Again, I'm voting to adopt option B please don't make any changes!!

Thank you,
Kaitlin

From: [Heather Hughes](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:15:31 AM

As a local, resident user of Fiesta Island recreation areas I support "option B". This option provides more habitat for wildlife, including endangered species, and better recreation for citizens.

Thank you,
Heather Hughes
San Diego
92109

From: [Michelle Comstock](#)
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I support the following as it has the least amount of impact on the island in cost and environment damage. Keeping this area more natural and in line, embracing San Diego hospitality.

“Option B” supports a parking area that will not extend as far, and will provide for a view pavilion and view plaza; picnic tables; running trail; maintenance/emergency trail; native, least tern and eel grass habitat areas; and dog off-leash non-native vegetation play areas, for a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within this southwest area.

Except for this southwest area of the Island, all other recreation and design aspects of the island would be identical between the two options.

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From: [Liz Hill](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:07:54 AM

Hello,

I'd like to share my support for Option B for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. I feel it adding another roadway intersection will make traffic even more complication and there is no need to create another isolated section of the park.

Best regards,
Liz Hill
San Diego, CA 92109

From: [Kimberly Berger](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org; [Kimberly Berger](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 11:31:59 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concerns in regards to the City of San Diego's current Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

We live in the UTC area and hit Fiesta Island regularly at all times throughout the year. My husband and I enjoy taking our small chiweenie, Brown, for a run on the trails throughout the island as well as along the water. Fiesta Island is without a doubt Brown's favorite place on the planet! It is the perfect place for outdoor exercise with ones' furry friends. Currently, there is easy access and plenty of open space to utilize. Others that are there walking or running get to be near the water, have access to trails, and see scenic views of downtown – it is always evident that everyone is enjoys their time there!

For those reasons and more, I have outlined below many concerns with the city's current proposal to develop Fiesta Island:

First, the proposal states that the intent is "to reduce environmental impact. However, developing an area with roads, arenas, playgrounds, and restrooms is likely to increase resources utilized and have a negative impact on water, air, land and noise. I believe that the city's planning department should present a current state environmental impact report compared with a projected report if such modifications should occur. The reports should at minimum include water utilization estimates, potential long-term land disturbances (i.e. waste) and the impact on air pollution. The San Diego community should be presented with these analyses before any decision is made about their public park.

Second, it appears from the current proposal that people's direct access to water would also be in jeopardy. I see this as one of the biggest benefits of Fiesta Island for those with or without pets. The direct beach access to the water for those who love water sports or want an easy way to spend the day with their families swimming or grilling is imperative. More recently, I have begun paddleboarding (Brown also enjoys the SUP at Fiesta!) and appreciate how great the beach access with car is. Also, the proposal includes developing the area with fences and additional pavement for roads and parking. This will not only increase congestion in the area but really take away from the unique, openness of Fiesta Island.

And last but not least, the off-leash dog portion of the island is a very special place, unique to San Diego. It is such a great space for the dog's to run, swim, play and socialize – and, the pure joy and excitement on their faces is amazing. There is a reason it was voted best dog park in America. And Brown certainly agrees! Reducing the size of this area, the accessibility, and adding fences would really destroy such a great place in San Diego.

In summary, the people that visit Fiesta Island go there because they love it for what it is. Changing that would be an unfortunate decision for our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kim Mills (and Brown pup)

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From: [Jim Thamann](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 12:03:28 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am sending this email in support of option B for the city plan for Fiesta Island. We use Fiesta Island at least twice a month, and sometimes weekly to exercise our dogs. It's one of the few places in San Diego with a large open area close to the ocean allowing dogs to run off leash. Parking is plentiful and free at Fiesta Island, unlike other dog parks close to the beach.

Inside the fenced dog park we can let our dogs run freely, and we don't have to worry about cars hitting them. It's a nice quiet location, no airplane noise, no freeway noise, just the sounds of the ocean. A very nice, casual, relaxed place to be. I would hate to lose all that to development. Reducing the size of the dog park, putting in additional fences and roads would be a mistake. It's one of the last large undeveloped pieces of land in the area. Once that land is gone, it's gone forever. Please support option B.

James Thamann

zip code 92129

From: [Janelle Humphrey](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:50:50 AM

Dear Planning Commission,

I wanted to provide you with my comments regarding planning for Fiesta Island. First let me tell you that I support OPTION B. I absolutely love Fiesta Island and the fenced dog park as it is. My dog can safely run around and "get the wiggles out" without me having to hover over him. He's able to play and swim and have a blast in a large open space that is like no other in the city. Additionally, leaving the island as it is will cost no extra money and that seems to be the sensible choice. It seems like spending tax dollars at this time for something that isn't need is wasteful. We have so many other city projects that are costing so much money, we should focus on those. Please opt for Option B.

Thank you,
Janelle Humphrey (and Casey)

From: [Raziel Moreno](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Fidosd Info](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 10:14:05 AM

Fiesta Island Dog Park is a huge part of my week. Not only does Fiesta Island Dog Park provide exercise for my dog but helps me exercise and be healthier while building a great bond with my dog and others who enjoy Fiesta Island as much as I do. The amount of space that is currently available is perfect due to the various different terrains available for us to enjoy. From the beautiful bay looking overlooking Seaworld to the spacious rugged fields it is all part of the experience. There are days that are too cold for me and my dog to enjoy the water, so we can both jog along the outskirts and enjoy the scenery. I use this beautiful dog park 2-4 times a week and it would be a tragedy for open space to be caged in or for any of the park to be diminished. The spaciousness of Fiesta Island Dog Park is what makes this dog park so special and I urge you to keep it intact.

From: [Dianne Villone](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:43:42 AM

I am in support of Option B as it keeps the off leash area intact. We frequently take our dog to Fiesta Island's off leash area to let our dog run and play with other dogs. It's a great area because it provides my husband and me with good exercise while allowing my dog to run free and even play in the ocean. This is one of the best places San Diego has to offer for these purposes and I would hate to see it changed in any way.

Sincerely,

Dianne M. Villone
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San Diego, CA 92122

From: [Caitlin Mahon](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:14:19 PM

To whom it may concern,

I wholeheartedly support Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment. I use the area once a week. Thank you for taking public comments on this issue.

Best,
Caitlin Mahon
South Park, San Diego, CA

From: [Margot Laue](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:48:16 AM

My dogs and I use the off-leash area on Fiesta Island regularly. We all need the exercise and we all enjoy the freedom of this large area which is available during all daylight hours with fresh breezes. One of my dogs has arthritis, but you wouldn't know it from the way he joyously runs free on Fiesta Island. They enjoy socializing with the other dogs which just doesn't happen when they are on leash. Fiesta Island Dog Park is beautiful and unique. Please don't restrict the amount of land there is for our enjoyment.

Margot Laue

92122

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harry Galliver](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#); [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:24:28 AM

I want to go on record in support of Option B of the Mission Bay master plan. I live in La Mesa (91941) and have taken advantage of the off leash park at Fiesta Island. It is the only area that I have found that provides a such a wonderful place to refresh body and soul for both myself and my dog. I have visited the park for many years and always come away thankful that San Diego provides such a special place for both man and his best friend.

Please do the right thing and adopt Option B for the good of Mission Bay.

Harry Galliver

From: [Andrew Goldstein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:43:10 AM

I am writing to provide my full support for Option B.

Fiesta Island is a true treasure, and there is no place quite like this anywhere in California or in the country for that matter. At a time when every piece of available land is being sold off to be developed, Fiesta Island is a place that San Diego can take great pride in. I live in Los Angeles, and I make the trip to San Diego to bring my dog to fiesta island. Having this large off-leash area for dogs is a draw for the city, and supports sustainability that much of the world has given up on in an effort to make a dollar. This place is different. It is special. And it should remain special and different. Spend an hour walking around the off-leash dog area and you will come away feeling like, despite all that is going on in the world, there is still good, there is still joy, there is still hope. Fiesta island doesn't need more roads or an amphitheater. Fiesta island is more than a piece of land, it is a genuine oasis, and it should remain that.

Thank you sincerely,

Andrew
90025

From: [Mike Heffner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:42:28 AM

Hi,

Please keep the existing off-leash dog area of Fiesta Island as is. It is a vital resource for the community and a nationally recognized icon. There are less and less places in SD that are dog friendly, please leave this one intact!

Mike Heffner

From: [Andrea Zelones](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 1:08:08 PM

I SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B.

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

For the record, I believe the fenced, off-leash area should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. This area is important to me, my dogs, and my friends and neighbors. As the Organizer of 3 outdoor activity groups with a total membership of 9,033 members, decreasing the usable off-leash area will have a strong impact on many of us. For numerous years, I have been leading weekly dog walks inside the fenced in area at Fiesta Island. I have even paddled over to the fenced in areas with my dogs. Having the fenced area makes it safer for dogs to run and play on land and water. Over the years, I have seen a strong increase in the amount of people bringing their dogs to this section of the beach. We should not be decreasing the size. If anything, we should increase the size of the area to accommodate the increase of users. The foxtails should be destroyed and managed and the area should be kept intact for exercise and recreation for dogs and their owners. The area **SHOULD NOT BE** divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater.

I SUPPORT ADOPTING OPTION B.

Sincerely,

Andrea Zelones

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San Diego Cyclists, Organizer

From: [Jane Truman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:24:11 AM

Dear Sirs and/or Madams,

I have regularly used Fiesta Island in my life as San Diego Native. When I was growing up, I would run or ride my bike around the perimeter, grateful for the lack of dangerous traffic, the beautiful panoramic vistas of San Diego, and the peaceful sense that I was away from the developed city at large.

Now as an adult, I have an even greater appreciation for the unique nature of Fiesta Island. My family's dog has at least one walk a day at Fiesta Island, It is the highlight of his and my day. There I can take in the natural beauty and obtain exercise for myself and my dog. It is not a place where I need to wear headphones to block out noise intrusions. Rather, it is an opportunity to rejoice in the natural, undeveloped beauty around me and sometimes socialize with other regular users of the area. Every walk is different. Sometimes there are nudibranchs on the shore, sometimes jellyfish. Birders sometimes congregate as a rare bird is present on its migratory route and they are eager to add them to their 'Life List' of Birds or have an opportunity to photograph them. Even if the bird is not rare, it is always a thrill to see an Osprey carrying a fish in its talons, or come across some of the Grass and or King Snakes present.

As a Black Lab, my dog overheats as he runs about chasing balls or running unfettered alongside me. It is heaven for him and a joy for me to see him bound down to the water to cool himself off by having a good swim in the water. As he has gotten older, swimming has become even more important as it helps him maintain mobility by exercising in a non-weight bearing fashion.

Simply put, Fiesta Island, particularly the interior and the fenced Dog Park area, are unique in their access for people and their dogs to enjoy exercising together while receiving an unparalleled opportunity for peaceful sanctuary in a easy-to-access location amidst an increasingly densely populated and urbanized city. The Dog Park area was once a stinky bio-waste sludge site as I recall from my years as a youth biking and running. It has now become a natural habitat where many, many people and their dogs find joy. As the birthplace of the Triathlon and as the voted "Number One Dog Park" in the whole Country, it is important to preserve as much of its current atmosphere as possible, One of San Diego's primary economic value is its attraction as a tourist destination. San Diego advertises its dog-friendly nature as one of the reasons to visit. Many of the people with whom I talk at the Island are visitors who have included that fact as criterion in their choice to vacation here. For locals and for visitors, altering Fiesta Island in a very thoughtful manner is imperative. It will have mental and physical health repercussions as well as economic blow back if it is not treated as the jewel it has become to many, many people.

Please choose 'Option B' when you make this valuable, irrevocable decision to alter this very special place.

Sincerely,

Jane Truman (92117)

From: [Janice Flocke](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:07:48 AM

Hello,

This letter is to express our support of Option B for Fiesta Island and concern over the possibility of the reduction of its designated off-leash dog area by the creation of an intersecting road.

We are a retired married couple and long-time residents of San Diego. Dogs have almost always been a part of our family. Excursions to Fiesta Island's off-leash dog area have certainly been a part of our family life, and now, in retirement, a great resource for exercise, social interaction with other dog-lovers and tranquility. It is convenient to many San Diego residents and is certainly a unique feature of our great city.

Today's world is full of uncertainty; concerns regarding terrorism, politics, health - there's no end to the many issues we face on a daily basis. Going to Fiesta Island's dog park is like stepping into another world where time has stopped, the views are lovely and there's no sense of being penned in. It is an oasis of sorts and literally a breath of fresh air; upon leaving, we feel renewed.

Fiesta Island's off-leash area is unlike any other San Diego dog park that we know of and is certainly special to us; we feel that leaving the park intact is crucial.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim and Jan Flocke
jmf@san.rr.com

From: [Mike Gassaway](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:09:49 AM

Please adopt option B!! I bring my dog to Fiesta Island every weekend. PLEASE keep it an off leash island. I live in 92103.

Please keep Fiesta Island as is! Please adopt option B

Thank you
Mike

From: [Anna Hergt](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:17:11 AM

Hello,

I've reviewed the plans for redevelopment of Mission Bay Park (specifically Fiesta Island), and would like to comment that the fenced-in off-leash dog area is very important to me and many people I know and it should not be disrupted by a road running through. There is nowhere else I've ever been that has such a large area for dogs to roam, train, exercise, and socialize. The access to water and paths running through and around have been a great spot for community recreation as well, so it's very important that it doesn't get touched. The road is unnecessary and would add noise, additional danger, air and land pollution, and cut down on the space that so many people love and is so unique to San Diego.

Thank you for considering these comments. I sincerely hope you realize how much people care about this space before making any significant changes that effect the area.

Kindly,

Anna Hergt
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San Diego, CA 92107

From: [Casie](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:57:44 PM

I am writing to give my very, very strong support to Option B of the master plan update. As a dog owner AND very active person, there is no other place in San Diego that I can take my dog where we can both get a decent amount of exercise during the day in a natural setting. There are so many great things that Fiesta Island provides that isn't available anywhere else including an opportunity to actually walk in an open, unimproved area along the water. Having that ability is not only great for me but my dog has a terrific time running along the shore and into the water. It is truly a dog Disneyland for him. I go there several times a week and walk around the perimeter of the enclosed area one and a half times (it's a little small).

The dog parks and places like dog beach are great places for more passive dog owners. But not only do I not get any exercise, my dog doesn't either. He, like many dogs, like to run and explore and doesn't interact with other dogs.

I do go to east Mission Bay but the hours that leashed dogs are allowed are so restrictive it is difficult to go there regularly. In addition, walking on a concrete path over and over is kind of mind numbing. It is such a shame that there are significant amounts of time where there are minimal people there but dogs (on leashes of course) aren't. I live very close and can tell you that on a Wednesday, for example, in December when it's 70 degrees and about 10 a.m., there isn't anyone there. This is the case on most weekdays, including summer.

In conclusion, please keep Fiesta Island as unimproved and as large as possible with access for people and dogs to the shoreline. It is an unique place in an urban area that absolutely cannot be replaced.

Cassandra Szaras

From: [Margaret Klingensmith](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:06:12 AM

I support Option B of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update for Fiesta Island. I think that Option B best fulfills the stated intent of the uses for maintaining a healthy and useful park area. I live in a cup-de-sac in La Mesa (91941) at 4120 Hurley Drive. There are 8 dogs in the properties surrounding our home. Our beloved rescue dog makes 9 dogs just in our corner of our street. Healthy humans and dogs need lots of exercise and we make use of the off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island frequently, Our “water” dogs have loved bounding into Mission Bay to retrieve tennis balls. This is great exercise for us all physically, mentally and emotionally. Being outdoors in the San Diego sunshine in an open area where we can run, play ball and smell to our hearts’ content is one of the joys of living in San Diego. Interacting with other dogs and people is great socialization too. Please leave this area intact for all of us to enjoy. Viva free and open recreation! Margaret A. Klingensmith

From: phyllis_weeks-daniel
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:19:17 AM

Hello,

I want to support Option B.

I currently cycle on Fiesta Island and have walked my dogs there since 1984. It is imperative that we maintain some open and safe space for these uses. By not over improving, with landscaping and multiple roads, we can keep the area safe for hikers, cyclists and dog-exercisers. This also allows a bit of unpaved, unimproved land for the local birds who nest and feed there.

Seeing the overuse and abuse of our beach and bay area parks (especially trash left behind), the idea of minimal improvements is appealing and to keep Fiesta Island largely as it is.

Thank you,
Phyllis Daniel
Mission Hills 92110

From: [Murphy, Michael](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Kelly Murphy](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Announcement
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 6:59:11 AM

I am supporting Option B. Fiesta Island is one of the most environmentally progressive concepts in our country. There is nothing like it in the US to my knowledge. An expansive area that is set aside for open space, recreation and socialization. It is similar to areas in the country where valuable land has been set aside for all people to use despite their economic background or resources. Beautiful open space without the sight of residential buildings or commercialization, much like Lake Hodges in Rancho Bernardo, is a treasure we need to protect before it is gone forever.

Fiesta Island is one of the incredible things that separates us from other areas in Southern California, Northern California and the entire country. Just as Balboa Park and Central Park in NYC took an amazing amount of foresight decades ago to preserve the right for people to walk, talk, exercise, spend time with their 4 legged friends, admire their environment; Fiesta Island provides the same type of experience. It serves as an underdeveloped expanse of land that allows us to breathe deep and appreciate all of the other wonderful aspects of San Diego.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: [KARI LIVINGSTONE](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:00:05 AM

Kari Livingstone
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SAN DIEGO CA 92110

HOME OWNER AND NATIVE SAN DIEGIAN HAVE BEEN USING FIESTA ISLAND SINCE i was a small child and have had at least a dozen dogs that have enjoyed the freedom and respect that fiesta island allows dogs and dogs owners. I support plan b if anything at all needs to be done to fiesta island. cant we let anything just be in San Diego? thank you for listening to the people of san diego.

From: [Summer Lavullis](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Ammendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:09:59 AM

To whom it may concern, I would much prefer Option B for the fiesta island update. I am a huge fan of fiesta island because of how dog friendly it is. How open it is really allows for any tension that smaller parks cause between dogs. During the summer and spring months I visit the island with my dogs 2-4 days a week. I feel if you make the dog friendly area smaller and smaller it will only breed problems with other dogs. Fiesta Island is a doggie heaven so please dont take that away!

I live in North Park 92104 are code.

Best,

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Summer Lavullis (Owner/Area Manager)

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From: [Ken Cohen](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:23:54 PM

We support Option B regarding the proposed changes & development.

We are long time frequent visitors to the leash free dog areas on Fiesta Island. The beach, the waters of the bay, and the large expanse of fenced-in space provide a beautiful and safe area for people and dogs to enjoy this wonderful space, safely isolated from roads and traffic. Please do not run a new road through the fenced in dog park.

I am also a cyclist who rides Fiesta Island regularly - the current roads are more than adequate & we do not need any more.

Thank you,

Ken Cohen
La Jolla, CA

From: [Genevieve Bromley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:30:35 AM

Greetings-

I am in support of adopting Option B that will keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I have been taking my dogs to Fiesta Island for the past 12 years, at least once a week. They enjoy running free and playing in the water. They socialize with other dogs while they get exercise in the fresh air. I would be heartbroken if the current off-leash area was disrupted by a road, fences or an amphitheater.

The Public Notice states, "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement". Option B clearly fulfills this intent.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely-
Genevieve Bromley

From: [Jason Methner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:15:26 AM

Please keep Fiesta Island a dog beach!

From: [Katie Hargrove](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:48:33 AM

Hi,

As a San Diego native, Fiesta Island has always been a special place where people and their dogs can roam freely and enjoy the water and sand together. Please adopt option B to increase the off-leash for our four-legged friends and preserve the open recreation space for us humans to stretch their legs as well.

Thank you,

Katie Hargrove

From: [Julie Swain](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Judith Swain](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:11:02 PM

To the City,

We (Judy and Julie Swain) are in favor of Plan B that would avoid slicing up the off-leash dog area and would increase the area. Since there are no areas in San Diego City that are equivalent to that found at Fiesta Island, the area should be preserved and augmented.

Julie

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From: [R](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:50:55 AM

Thanks for your efforts in planning to make Fiesta Island a better resource.

I reviewed the current project option and like it much better than options A or B. Is the current project option still an option?

I have no objection to a small enclosed area for off-leash dogs, but the acreage in options A and B is excessive. The current project option offers amenities of interest to more people.

I'd like us to have the option of walking around as much of the island as possible without risking dog bites.

Currently, I don't know if it's OK for beach walkers to walk between the youth camp and the Bay. Is it? Will the current project option allow beach walking on that part of the island?

I like the park ground and playgrounds with adequate parking as it is in the current project option. That's what most people come to parks for - especially one like this, with such good views and clean air. Dog owners need much smaller lots scattered over the residential areas - where land is less valuable.

I didn't see a note about the least tern nesting area. Does the current project option retain that? If it does, I support it, and would appreciate a walking trail as close to the water as possible in that area.

I didn't notice any mention of fire pits. I see them as large sources of unnecessary pollution - but removing them could be politically difficult. If there's a chance of reducing their number, I'd support it.

Thank you,

Rick Kamen
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From: [Carol Ripley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:52:28 PM

Option B please. Please spend San Diego's money on fixing our sewer lines and streets, infrastructure, homeless, etc.

Thank you
Carol Ripley

From: [Kim Dillinger](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment;info@FIDOSD.org
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:42:29 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

We just want to express our preferences for the possible redesign of Mission Bay Park. The off-leash access to the bay for humans with their dogs is such a treasured privilege! We strongly urge those entrusted to make decisions on this matter to choose Option B. Please do not divide this area with roads or fences or reduce the acreage allowed for off-leash use. We have been coming to Fiesta Island since the early 1980s and enjoy it specifically because it is less “developed” than other parts of Mission Bay.

We currently live in the 92120 zip code.

Thank you,

Philip and Kim Nordhues

From: [Pat Petriello](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:11:12 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my full support for **OPTION B - supporting preserving Fiesta Island**. As San Diego has continue to grow and develop to accommodate commercial growth, the off-leash areas where us residents can take our dogs are getting reduced. Fiesta Island represents a truly valuable asset to all of us dog owners of San Diego and fosters a vibrant community where people from all over the city get together.

Thank you,

Patrick

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Pat Petriello
p.petriello@gmail.com

From: [Susan Adams](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; snuadams@gmail.com
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 12:38:03 AM
Attachments: [VIDEO0026.3gp](#)

The incredibly wonderful area of Fiesta Island is unique in the world and incredibly beneficial to dog owners and their dogs, and the wider community. It shows that San Diego has a sensitivity to the mental and physical health of our people and animals, and considers setting aside an unencumbered area for this "sport." We do this, with incredible expense for baseball, (football), shopping, and venues for events.

I support the adoption of Option B. I utilize the off-leash area at least 4 times per week. My dog, Daddy, knows every avenue and street...and the off-ramp to Fiesta...leading to his freedom. When he realizes we are on the way to his beloved walk...he whines and kisses me. Each time we visit, it is clear he is so happy...and it makes me happy. How simple is that for mental health? When we turn around and head back, he lags, he finds new places to sniff. He doesn't want to end the visit! I don't either!

This is such a unique venue. One that says so much about the leaders of San Diego caring about all the community...and our animals and people who love their animals, are an important, if silent part of the health of the community.

There are lots of places for boats...and notice that many of those expensive boats are just sitting there, leashed to their docks. There are lots of places on Fiesta and other places of Mission Bay that give access to the water. There is really no need to develop a driveway to the water right through such a unique...and relatively small area of Fiesta. Please consider another choice that does not destroy, but enhances.

And, it is beautiful.

Sincerely,
Sue Adams
92109

From: jbellinghiere@roadrunner.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:18:31 AM

Dear Planning Department,

As a resident of Pacific Beach, I urge you to adopt Plan B regarding Fiesta Island.

As a homeowner, I pay over \$6,000 per year in property taxes, which I am happy to do. But I am frustrated that I can not walk my dogs on the beach after 9am until 6pm. This would be the most convenient time, and I believe, the safest time for me and my dogs to enjoy the public beach. So, we drive to Fiesta Island's fenced dog beach on a regular basis. It is important to keep Fiesta Island as it is, open space, available for people and dogs.

San Diego beaches and water access are already overdeveloped. Please keep this beautiful open space open so it is available to everyone.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A.

Please give the dog owners a break and allow us to continue to use this great venue without developing it or running a road through it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Janice Bellinghiere

San Diego resident since 1982

From: [DARLENE WOODEND](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 8:03:01 PM

It is very sad that this great city has to develop every bit of open space there is instead of thinking about what the people want. WE WANT OPEN SPACE!!!! That is OPEN SPACE so that we can enjoy ourselves, our dogs, our horses. We don't need more commercial usage of this land. What about the water shortage??? The more you build, the more water will be required to maintain what you build. LEAVE IT IN ITS NATURAL STATE!!

Darlene Woodend
darlenewoodend@gmail.com
858-663-3171 (cell)

From: [Cassandra Altmann](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:26:17 AM

My family and pups support Option B to keep the area intact and increase the fenced off-leash area on Fiesta Island. This unique space should be coveted as it is one of the few places that families can allow their pups' their own freedom and enjoyment. This also protects it from further development. We don't need more buildings; we need open space for our children, animals, and ourselves to roam.

Thank you,

Cassandra Altmann
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San Diego, CA 92102

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From: [Isaac Martinez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 5:59:30 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of my mom and the rest of the Fiesta Island Dog Owners members. I strongly support Option B and the preservation of Fiesta Island for off-leash use.

As San Diego has grown over the years, I've noticed the decrease in funding towards our parks and beaches and the push for more housing developments. I've been a San Diegan and a dog owner my entire life, but I've found myself making a lengthy commute to Coronado to use their off-leash dog park more recently and wish that there were more off-leash areas available in San Diego. My mom brings our dog to Fiesta Island on a weekly basis and opened my eyes to what's at stake.

I support Option B as it is environmentally friendly and highly sustainable as it does not contain the extensive development that Option A has. It will keep the off-leash area intact. Plus, it is MILLIONS of dollars cheaper to implement.

Please hear the voice of active users of Fiesta Island by protecting the fenced area and get it officially designated as an off-leash park. Thank you for your time.

Best,

Isaac Martinez

From: [Christie Sun](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:55:37 AM

To whom it may concern:

My husband and I love Fiesta Island specifically for its off leash area. It's one of our favorite places to take Otis and he loves walking along the shore. Having fewer cars and roads really makes for an enjoyable space to be able to enjoy nature while exercising my pup. It's truthfully one of the best off leash areas in San Diego and I would be disappointed if it would be reduced.

I would like to ask you to carefully consider adopting option B in your further decision of the Fiesta Island Amendment.

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Christie Sun

From: [Molly Lipsitz Methner](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:57:22 AM

To whom it may concern:

My family opposes Option A and any plans to develop on Fiesta Island such as an amphitheater, rec center, etc. We support Option B. We have concerns about adding more roads and thus, more cars, to areas right along our ocean and waterways. Additionally, Fiesta Island is one of the only places we feel safe to bring our very active dog, as many of the beaches and parks are very crowded. Our dog is the happiest he ever is when he is at Fiesta Island, and we are truly blessed to have such a haven in America's Finest City.

Please hear our call, and go with Option B.

Molly Methner
3659 1st Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103

From: [Ciara Burton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:24:37 PM

Hello,

Please keep fiesta island dog park as is! It is the only place we can go and let our dogs be free and be "dogs" at all hours of the day.

We live in crown point on the bay and it is so frustrating that we can't take advantage of the public parks with our pup (with our dog on leash) at any time of the day.

San Diego is a fun, community-focused spot most known for its amazing weather, year round; the perfect place to have a dog because you can really give her a great life!

We wish there were more spots like fiesta island for us to spend time with our dog who is part of our family. Please don't take this away from us! We rescued our pup 4.5 years ago and have done our part in supporting local adoption agencies that keep dogs off the streets of San Diego. We need to celebrate people who do things like this.

Please support the keep fiesta island as a place of ALL members of the family!

Thank you,

The Burton Family
4075 sequoia street

Sent from my iPhone... I apologize in advance for typos!

From: [Ted Stinson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org; [Seneca Goodman](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:02:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to choose Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update. My wife and I bring our dog to the Fiesta Island off-leash area at least once a week, even though it is farther from our house than other off-leash parks. This is because the Fiesta Island park is uniquely suitable for our dog, who is an older rescue. Ruby is timid and skittish. Smaller off-leash areas with high dog densities frighten and confuse her. Fiesta Island is big enough so that she can roam safely without fear. Without it she would be a much less happy dog.

Moreover, the area serves as a wonderful place of peaceful refuge and exercise for me and my wife. The large park affords many interlocking trails and wonderful views of the bay and downtown San Diego. We really enjoy walking around in that park, while at the same time giving our dog a chance to get off her leash and feel some freedom. Dividing this park would greatly reduce the wonderful feeling of openness and space that the current design provides.

I hope you consider Option B carefully as the best choice for continued use of this space.

Sincerely,

Ted Stinson
3440 Florida St Apt 25
San Diego, CA 92104

From: [Dan Vaught](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:53:25 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my desire for the city of San Diego to adopt "Option B" for public access to Fiesta Island as an **off-leash dog park** with regard to any future development.

The following quote from the public notice, stated below, says,

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

I believe that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that **Option B** fulfills this better than Option A. I request that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

Fiesta Island is a vitally important resource for me and my family (long term residents of University City). We use the off-leash dog park **on a daily basis** to exercise our dogs and enjoy family time together. My two sons, ages 10 and 13, have a game that they play during our laps around the entire circumference of the park, which we use after I pick them up from school.

I use the park as a **daily** source of exercise for myself. My dogs enjoy **daily** walks around the park in order to get their proper exercise and burn excess energy. If we were to ever miss our **daily** walk around the park, my dogs would be too energetic and behave badly in the evenings. We have come to depend on this important source of **daily** physical activity and quality family time. There is simply no other resource like this in the entire county - indeed, probably the country.

The current size of the Fiesta Island off-leash area is ideal for my dogs. They are allowed to run up and down the sides of the hills while we walk around the top edge to keep an eye on them. Therefore, they get far more exercise (and running) than simply walking with them on a leash. If the current area is divided by a road, a fence, or an amphitheater, it would seriously impact our exercise routine and ruin our enjoyment of the park, which - again - we utilize **daily**.

I implore you to carefully consider and adopt **Option B** to guarantee the future enjoyment of the off-leash area of Fiesta Island - which was recently voted the Best Dog Park in America. Thank you for your consideration.

<http://timesofsandiego.com/life/2016/10/21/fiesta-island-named-best-dog-park-united-states/>

Warmest Regards,
Daniel H. Vaught (father)
Mason & Jake Vaught (sons)
Hercules & Perseus (canines)

From: [Marc Hirschfield](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 5:52:54 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

Please let it be known that we strongly support Option B for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. Fiesta Island is an extraordinary resource for the city of San Diego and the current dog park is integral to that. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you seek further input.

Anise and Marc Hirschfield
La Jolla
307-690-0699

From: [Meaghan Hiller](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Ammdement
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:54:41 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I regularly use the off-leash dog area at Fiesta Island once per week. Limiting the amount of land available for the off-leash dog park would be detrimental to the vegetation and nature of the area, which should be preserved. I would like to see an analysis of the how building a road would affect the surrounding environment and wildlife, both in the short and long-term. In addition, as a dog owner, I thoroughly enjoy having the vast space for my dog to enjoy and there are no other areas like it in the country. Building a road would effect the integrity of the area and increased construction would take away from the beauty of the natural area. Which is why I strongly support adopting Option B.

Thank you,

Meaghan Hiller
Resident of zip code 92130

From: [Debbie Cressey](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 8:27:30 PM

Good evening,

I regularly use the fenced off area of Fiesta Island to run and exercise my dog. This public space remaining intact in area and scope as a fenced off dedicated dog park is important to me as a citizen of San Diego. I also appreciate that the area closed off to the public during nesting season for sensitive bird species. I think this offers birds and other animals necessary sanctuary along the disappearing coastline habitat available in all of coastal California.

Please consider only "Option B," to keep the fenced off coastal dog park area intact and in fact possibly increase it. I use the whole park available for this purpose and appreciate having a coastal dog-friendly area to enjoy. I also support the fencing off of sensitive areas for vulnerable coastal species.

Thank you for your consideration,
Debbie C.
University Heights Resident
Zip: 92116

From: [Sunshine Alexis Stein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Sunshine Alexis Stein](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:11:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

I support adopting **Option B** for Mission Bay Park / Fiesta Island.

My family and I have been enjoying the off-leash dog park at Fiesta Island for more than ten years. It's the only place where our dog can run and socialize other dogs, swim in the bay and run up and down between the fields and the shoreline, while my daughter and I can walk and enjoy the surroundings along with other dog owners. We enjoy Fiesta's dog park at least three times a week and more during the summer when school is out. It's the perfect size to allow us all to get a good walk / romp in, and because of its size and landscape, every day is a different route, routine or adventure. Because of the off-leash dog park, we've made life-long friends that extend after our walks at Fiesta, but that inspire us to get outside and enjoy all that Fiesta's of-leash park has to offer. It's a community that allows for family members – two and four legged – to engage within one another and enjoy all beauty of San Diego in a central location.

Living in La Jolla does not afford us anything comparable to Fiesta's off-leash dog park. To experience the beach, we either have to drive to Del Mar (which is seasonal off-leash) or Coronado; the closest dog park that provides the proper space for our dog is Balboa Park. Fiesta Island is, hands down, the best of all words for dogs which also provides families to run or walk or simply sit on the beach to enjoy time with their dogs and friends.

To divide the area by a road or add an amphitheater would take away the one true gem of San Diego for dog families and dog lovers. As I stated, there's nothing like Fiesta Island's off-leash dog park in all of San Diego, and it would be a shame to lose it to redevelopment. Therefore, I ask for your support and for you to approve Option B.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement.' FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that **Option B** fulfils this better than Option A."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sunshine Alexis Stein

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From: gapeachnsd@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:47:49 AM

See below

-----Original Message-----

From: gapeachnsd
To: PlanningCEQA
Sent: Thu, May 11, 2017 10:45 am
Subject: Fiesta Island

I urge you to keep the Fiesta Dog Park as is. San Diego is a dog loving community and is recognized as such. The dog park is valuable to our community and our dogs.

Thank you

Jan Hodgson
4001 Anastasia St
San Diego CA 92111
619-993-7926

From: johnccorey@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:19:20 AM

Please do all you can to **preserve and expand and improve** the off-leash area of Fiesta Island. We have enjoyed playing with our dogs on Fiesta Island for many years -- both on the trails and on the beaches. It is one of the amenities that make San Diego America's Finest City. Our one concern is foxtails, particularly in spring when we have to keep the dog on a leash to protect him coming to & from the beach. We are excited that improvements are coming to Fiesta Island, and we earnestly hope those improvements will include **increased areas of off-leash parkland and beaches**.

John Corey and David Ries
985 Torrance Street
San Diego, CA 92103

From: [Patrick Smith](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org; [Rebecca Heiser](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 3:17:40 PM
Attachments: [fiesta_island_letter_OPTION_B.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter requesting your assistance in officially designating Fiesta Island as an off-leash dog park. Our family visits Fiesta Island once a week (if not more) to exercise with our dog Ruby. It is the only dog park of its size that allows such activity in San Diego. Myself and my family fully support "Option B".

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Best Regards,

Patrick Smith
4385 Marlborough Avenue
San Diego, CA 92105

From: [M.A. Pelletier](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:37:17 AM
Attachments: [Fiesta_Island_Comments.docx](#)

Please see the attached comments on the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment.

Thank you,

Margaret B. Pelletier

From: [andi fairbourn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:03:19 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this email in support of option B for Fiesta Island. I have taken my dogs to this off-leash dog park nearly every weekend for the last 9 years. (since they were puppies)

There are a few dog parks in the area but nothing compares to Fiesta Island. It is close to home, easy to get to, convenient and offers tons of open parking and is really the only dog park I can comfortably take my dogs to where we can exercise and enjoy the outdoors together.

Having the big open space really allows the dogs and owners to have an experience unlike one they could have at any other dog park. The openness really seems to impact the experience for my dogs in that many other dog parks, especially those for small dogs, are very closed in and tiny. The other parks get over-crowded very quickly and that creates a very uncomfortable experience where the dogs really can't get any exercise and neither can I. My dogs are runners and Fiesta Island is really the only place they can safely run to their heart's content.

This place is very special to me and to my dogs. We have met so many wonderful people there and we are all there to have the same awesome experience with our canine pals. There is a common theme there and it radiates among everyone that enters. It is one of the only places you can go in San Diego where everyone looks one another in the eye and says a hello, good morning, etc. We are all there having a great experience together and we leave happier and healthier, human and dog alike. The thought of reducing the size of the park is very upsetting as again, Fiesta Island is one of a kind. Adding additional roads, etc., causes major concern for the safety of my pets.

Please, I urge you, do not change a good thing. Fiesta Island is San Diego to us, it is a place we visit often and can't wait until our next trip.

Sincerely,

Andi Fairbourn

From: [Thomas Jefferson Fan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:32:43 PM

I would simply like to support Option B in order to maintain a reasonable, safe and proper off leash area for our dogs. There are hundreds, maybe a thousand San Diegans who want and need this choice. We use this area 3-4 times a week. Option A would be a disaster for our dogs and us and would benefit only a tiny number of San Diegans.

Thomas Warschauer
3092 Lloyd Street

From: [Jeanette Revell](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 1:36:03 PM

The fiesta island off leash dog area is needed as a year round place that we can exercise our dogs - there are many parks for children and families but not a lot of off leash dog parks - this is an amazing place - plenty of space for the dogs to run - traffic free - please leave the space for us "dog people " - we dont need anymore water sport facilities - we go weekly to fiesta -- so the dogs can run and play in a good sized area with ocean access .

Jeanette Revell
Ca. 92130
Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sheldon](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:11:35 AM

With all the restrictions on pet owners in San Diego I support the continued operation of a fenced dog park without a road at Fiesta Island (option B). It's also time to look at why I can't take my dog to Mission Bay Park anytime during the day even on a leash.

Sheldon Stern
1657 Calle Alta
La Jolla, CA 92037



From: [Carson](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:34:06 AM

I am a resident of San Diego (zip code 92109), and I support Option B for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Fiesta Island Amendment.

Fiesta island is a very important place to me and I use this area regularly, especially the fenced-in off-leash area. On average I am there twice a week, approximately 8 visits per month. The entire fiesta area has a high level of utility and usability by all San Diego residents at a fractional cost to traditional developed parks. Further development of this space is not necessary as it already experiences adequate use from what I observe on a weekly basis, and the traditional developed public space can be experienced at literally every other park in San Diego. In particular the off-leash area on Fiesta island would suffer the greatest loss from development. When I and fellow residents use this space, all activity is related to traveling through the space of the park. Visitors are walking from one side to the other, circling the perimeter and constantly moving. At other, smaller off-leash dog parks in San Diego, visitors arrive and then just stand around, everyone wondering what to do next. This is what differentiates Fiesta Island dog park and what makes it a destination for so many visitors. This space only works as well as it does now because of the size of the area which is fenced in. It is a very special place which has managed to survive in the heart of San Diego, and is now a part of our culture and identity. It could never be copied/re-created in ANY city in the US, especially San Diego. When it is lost to development, it is gone completely. This is why I support Option B to preserve an incredible mixed-use open space that all San Diegans can enjoy and be proud of.

Carson

From: psanderson022@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:14:15 PM

My husband and I are retired and we go to Fiesta Island every day with our 2 chihuahuas. We walk and laugh at the antics of all the dogs big and small. They have the space to feel peaceful, stress free and relaxed. We got the same gift as my husband dealt with Cancer, Heart Disease yet was able to laugh and amble around with his beloved dogs.

In the summer the breeze is cool no matter how hot it gets elsewhere. We take our grandchildren who have been able to see sting rays, jelly fish, seals and jumping fish. The horses are an extra treat!

We are thankful every day for our good fortune to live in San Diego...there's no place like it that honors it's nature and leaves natural beauty right in the city where we all, animals and humans, can play and heal.

We have seen every part of this country and tell people all about Fiesta Island in the City that takes takes wellbeing seriously.

Crowding brings all kinds of ills. Please don't bring more pavement, more fumes and cars, more things to buy...accept plan B.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Katie McCanna](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:03:53 AM

I support Option B for the Mission Bay Park master plan. I use this off leash area more than 4 times per month to exercise my dogs in a safe, legal and controlled off leash environment. Fiesta Island is one of the last remaining areas where dogs can safely roam free and swim in a natural environment.

While a more structured dog canine recreation area may be better for some users, I prefer the open space and think it is a better use of the area for the community. A structured area would mean more weekend closures for events and I would not be able to use the exercise area as regularly as I like. I also think it's an unnecessary expense and would reduce the natural landscape of our bay.

I greatly value the current Fiesta Island off leash park - it's my favorite off-leash park in the area and my dogs love romping in the waves and through the sand. Please don't turn this jewel of a dog park into a place we can no longer enjoy!

Thank you,
Katie McCanna
92116

From: [Michelle](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 12:46:17 PM

Hello,

Regarding the analysis to be done on the impact land plan changes may have on Fiesta Island, particularly the off-leash dog park area, I would appreciate if the following would be addressed:

- Impact on recreational use of Fiesta Island if the off-leash dog area is altered. Fiesta Island's unofficial off-leash dog park won "best dog park in the USA" recently. Do we want to lose that title by altering it? Would it benefit San Diego to make this famous dog park finally official? If this park is altered, Would traveling dog owners look for other dog-friendly cities to visit instead? Where else in the county of San Diego could dog owners go to have such a large off leash area to play with their dogs? The large open space there now lets dogs of different temperaments have space to run and play without much forced interaction with other dogs or people if not wanted. My dog is anxious, so smaller dog parks don't work for her. At Fiesta she gets tons of exercise due to the large space that is unavailable anywhere else. During hot summer months inland, my dog and I get to Fiesta at least once weekly for exercise and relief from the heat.

- Would bird nesting sites currently protected in the off-leash space still be protected? Would additional use by boaters in that part of the island impact nesting sites and habitats of other shore animals? Would increased noise (from vehicles, events, or an amphitheater in Plan A) impact marine creatures in that south east corner of Fiesta Island?

- Will vehicle traffic be increased or decreased by any changes to Fiesta Island? Would Fiesta remain open to the public most days of the year or be closed to the public for more special events at new facilities? Will ample parking remain available? Will access to the off-leash dog park area remain open during any land plan changes?

Most of my concerns are based on community recreational use of Fiesta Island and where else San Diego dog owners would find a similar park if the one on Fiesta Island is altered. For this reason I support "Plan B," the alternative development plan for the fenced off-leash area of Fiesta Island. There's few places anywhere like Fiesta for dogs and owners. Why mess with one of the best recreational areas San Diego has to offer? Please keep San Diego's "Doggie Disneyland" intact for future generations.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pappalardi

at 2715 Lake Pointe Drive in Spring Valley, CA 91977

From: [Christopher Rogers](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:07:55 AM

I support Option B. I use the off leash area frequently to train my dog. I believe the area provides a healthy environment for dogs to get the proper exercise and social skills that isn't always found in a densely populated city. It also preserves the natural habitat for birds, insects, fauna, and the marine life that surrounds this multi-use park for residents and visitors.

The impact of Option A,(needless and expensive) would harm the eco system that is already at a great disadvantage due to the high density of the surrounding area. Option A only gives you increased traffic, increased waste, increased water consumption, increased noise and increased pollution.

You have the chance to preserve Fiesta Island, by not turning it into a cement laden park.

Thank you
Chris Rogers

From: [Vicky Rowley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:26:14 PM

Hi,

I am writing to explain why I believe we should both not develop Fiesta Island, and why we should also preserve the large, fenced-in, off-leash dog training area that exists there. My concerns are these:

- What is the **source of funding for the construction and long-term maintenance** of the project?
- How would the **inevitable increase in traffic** on and off the island be handled/mitigated? How would **different use areas be segregated**?
- What would be the ***effective* reduction in leash free area**? Not the **calculated loss** in area, but how much would still be usable by current users.

I'll admit that some of the changes proposed look enticing at first glance, for example the public restrooms with dog wash, but the more you look at it and think about it, the more obvious it becomes that the changes should be made somewhere else

ECONOMICS: Without funds for maintenance, there will be no; upkeep of the proposed bridges, tunnels and fencing, no salary for the proposed lifeguard, no "native vegetation" area, no "parkland with turf", no effective bio-swale constructs protecting water quality, etc. And anyone with a dog will tell you that maintaining "native vegetation" or fancy "turf" in a dog park is not only expensive, but impossible. I do not believe income from the changes could possibly offset the cost of maintaining them. As shown, the plan is fiscally irresponsible.

USABILITY: The bridges over, tunnels under, roads through, fences everywhere suggest that we are trying to co-locate things that don't play nicely together. While it is obvious that a lot of thought has been put into the logistics of making the area more useable by a wider variety of San Diegans, the result is still a nightmare from a usability standpoint. I have, at times, had to wait 20-30 minutes to get off the island, or had it take 20 minutes to get around it to where the dog park is.

AFFECT ON CURRENT USERS: The dogs that *need* Fiesta Island are dogs that run fast and play hard. They bark at boats. They knock over small children. They splash without regard to, well, pretty much anything. Some of them startle at skate boards, bicycles and the like. Many, if not most, of these dogs would have to avoid areas now being shared, not only with Least Terns, but now with swimmers, boaters and, presumably, bikers, roller blade skaters, small children, etc.? Also, these dogs need space and when you pile more of them into a smaller space, you risk having more "incidents". What is proposed is a compromise, but one where both sides lose. Everyone would always be a little bit unhappy. The modifications would never live up to the hype. In exchange, the current users will have lost, not the calculated 6.5% of their area, but more like 50% of their area.

On a personal note, **Fiesta Island's *large* off-leash area has directly reduced stress and improved physical fitness in our family.** Please don't change it. As I'm sure you know,

having a pet and exercising are two things known to make people happier, but the transition in our family since we rescued “Indi” and began taking her to Fiesta Island has been significant. We discovered first-hand that our entire family is happier if our dog gets to run and play with other dogs, not in a tiny neighborhood dog park where we sit on a bench and play with our respective cell phones, but at Fiesta Island, where we can talk to each other while she zooms around showing us how to make friends with total strangers.

Sincerely,
Vicky Rowley (aka Indi’s mom)

From: [jenn padilla-rogers](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:41:17 AM

I support the option B alternative. Maintaining open space for humans and their pets to be able to go and get exercise is essential in large cities. Development of large multiuse structures is dominating the city's landscape, reducing the areas for people and their pets to interact with each other and with other pets and pet owners.

Option B saves millions of dollars and is more environmentally friendly than Option A. Option A introduces environmental impacts such as increased water use (in a state where we are already heavily impacted by reduced water availability), increased traffic and pollutants that would seep into Mission Bay (a bay that is already sensitive due to the heavy development that spans the entire shoreline). Option B does not introduce those increased pollutants and impacts and provides for a much needed area for residents and visitors of San Diego.

Sincerely,

Jenn Rogers

From: [Kelly Murphy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Announcement
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 12:08:04 PM

I'm writing to support Option B. It wasn't long ago that Fiesta Island was named [Best Dog Park in the US](#) and I'd love to keep it that way. There are few places to take your dog off-leash in San Diego that aren't dog parks. This place is a dog and dog owner's dream - it has a ton of land, it's big enough to not be crowded, you can access the water if you like and even have a BBQ with your furry friend. This off-leash area has really become a San Diego staple and it would be an absolute tragedy to watch it go away - or even be reduced. Please keep Fiesta Island as it is today... amazing.

I support Option B.

Kelly

From: [Melissa Chavarro](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:58:29 AM

Hello,

As a San Diego native and local, I depend on Fiesta Island for my dog's exercise 100%. As the city becomes more dense and individuals not being able to afford or rent homes with yards, Fiesta Island is one of the only places large enough to take our dogs for a walk or swim off leash for exercise and training. For this reason **I support option B** to keep the fenced off lease area at it's current size. I also recommend that Fiesta Island remain an off leash option for bay goers as this is one of the only locations to take our dogs to swim on hot days in the middle of the day.

If the city continues to grow and become dense, we need these large areas for our dogs to exercise because less and less families will have other options on their own property.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Chavarro (formerly Melissa Morrell)

Please consider the environment before printing emails.

From: [anja dowers](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [anja dowers](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:32:01 PM

Hello,

Please know that as a dog owner and property owner in San Diego, I support **OPTION B, and am asking you to adopt this option as soon as possible**

My husband and I visit the off leash dog park at least twice a week with our two rescue dogs. We often meet here with our friends and their dogs to socialize and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. The size of the park allowed us to get a great workout as well.

Our dogs love to swim in the water and run through the vast amount of land, and we like coming here as it is a safe place, and I would prefer for this area to stay intact for exercise and recreation and not be divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater.

It is important to us that the foxtails and brush are managed, again for the safety of our pets and to save on vet bills.

Thank you for your consideration,
Anja Spillane and family
San Diego, CA, 92103

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rob Fremland](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 7:50:32 AM

Dear Planning Group,

I am a long-time San Diego resident and homeowner and, therefore, a taxpayer and registered voter. As a dog-owner and someone who would like to keep San Diego as San Diego, I urge you to adopt “plan B” for Fiesta Island.

Thank you for your support,

Rob Fremland,
2505 Raymell Dr
San Diego, CA 92123

From: [Andrea Harrington](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:34:35 AM

Option B!

The fenced off-leash area for the dogs on Fiesta Island is one of the few places left in San Diego where we can go and have access to water and plenty of room for dogs to interact if they want to, or not. Do not decrease this space with a road. I can't count how many times I've been to Fiesta Island and making the space smaller and not having as much access to the water means I would just revert to heading to dog parks. The allure of Fiesta Island is space to romp with your dog and play in and out of the water, we can hang out for hours, bring toys to play with in the water, and have a great time. This is completely different than what we can do at a dog park, please do not decrease the usable space for the off-leash dog area. I also use Fiesta Island to run and bike ride, let's not make it unusable by adding roads, fences, or even an amphitheater, it's one of the last open spaces that isn't over crowded left.

For the long term existing use of Fiesta Island I would like to offer my support in keeping the off-leash dog area as is.

Thank you,
Andrea Harrington
San Diego Resident
Fiesta Island User

From: [Julie Hamso](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:00:42 PM

I am expressing my support for **Option B** for the **Mission Bay Park Plan Update at Fiesta Island**. My family and I live in Crest and drive out to the park every Saturday morning to use the designated off-leash area on Fiesta Island. It has been voted the #1 best dog park in the U.S. for a good reason and we LOVE coming here. It is not only like a dog heaven for the dogs, but the families who are able to use the space as well. The uninterrupted space provides a wonderful open area to run/ exercise freely. Those who use the space seem to be very respectful and clean. I am afraid that if a road or some other structure were built through this area, it may not be the case any longer, as it is quite obvious from a quick trip around the island, that the cleanest parts of the island are NOT along side the road. What makes Fiesta Island so perfect is that much of it is open and unspoiled space. It turns my stomach every time I see a beautiful natural habit being paved over. Please do not ruin this space for those of us who enjoy it and please consider the environmental impact new construction would have to this area. Thank you.

Julie & Vegard Hamso
486 Alta Ln.
El Cajon, CA
92021

From: [Aaron Klein](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:31:03 AM

I strongly encourage our city planners to choose option-B. As a long time San Diego resident and frequent visitor to the Fiesta Island off-leash area I fully support option-B. My family and I love the vast open space of Fiesta Island. I would hate to see the current off-leash area changed in anyway. Some things are meant to stay the same. Fiesta Island is one of those special places that deserves to remain as is.

Regards,

Aaron Klein
San Diego, CA

From: [Josh](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org; [Heather Zacharias - Langfield](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:27:41 PM

Hello.

We support adopting Option B as soon as possible. The fenced, off-leash area has meant a lot to us and our dogs. We believe that It should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

Thank you so much.

Heather and Josh Langfield

From: rbamackenzie@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:52:02 PM

Hello,

I would like to voice my concern about the possible development of Fiesta Island. In my opinion developing Fiesta seems to contradict the entire idea behind the Mission Bay. We will be sacrificing a wide open space that is used by thousands of San Diegans and tourists every year. Fiesta offers an alternative way to enjoy the bay in a more relaxed and natural setting. From walking dogs to riding horses there aren't any other places that I know of in California that offers such a huge piece of land for the public to use in such a unique setting. As a regular visitor to Fiesta with my girlfriend and our dogs I would be saddened to see it all replaced with concrete, restaurants, traffic and pollution. The bay is busy enough with jet skis, power boats, sail boats, fishing boats, paddle boarders, kite boarders and kayakers. Let's keep Fiesta free of any development. It doesn't need it and I don't think the city does either.

Thank you for your time,

Rob MacKenzie

From: [Nick Sanna](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:58:58 PM

Attn: Planning Department, City of San Diego

I am writing this email to express my support for Option B regarding the use of Fiesta Island. I live in the Bay Park area of Clairemont and have two dogs. Every week I make three to four trips to the dog park (fenced-off, off-leash area) on Fiesta Island. This park is incredible and I greatly appreciate its availability. The large amount of space allows my dogs, as well as myself, to get in a good hike in a fun location. I am able to interact with others from my community and groups of dogs play with each other (but are not crammed into a compact space as seen in other dog parks around the city). The off-leash area also provides access to the shoreline which is very unique and allows our dogs to enjoy one of the best parts of San Diego, the water.

The fenced-off, off-leash area is very important to me and I am very interested in its preservation. Please continue to maintain the current set-up as a large open space without additional roads or fences with ongoing maintenance to keep weeds (and foxtails) under control.

Thank you for this open forum and allowing locals to have their voice heard.

Sincerely,

Nick Sanna
2752 Deerpark Dr.
San Diego, CA 92110

From: [PAT WALTER](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:29:46 AM

I am writing to express strong support for Option B to keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off leash dog area.

This is a very important issue to this voting household.

Thank you.

Patricia Walter
5151 35th Street
SD 92116

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jason Dempsey](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:45:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Greetings

I live at 5605 Gaines Street San Diego, CA 92110 and frequent Fiesta Island often with my dog Jax.

I have concerns regarding Option A, and have the following questions:

- What impacts would there be on air quality?
- What impact would there be on biological resources?
- What impact would there be on the areas geology/soil?
- What would the Greenhouse gas emission impact be?
- What additional hazards and/or hazardous material would there be?
- What would the impact on water quality be?
- What would the impact on sound/noise be to the neighboring communities?
- What kind of additional public services would be required to support Option A?
- What are the transportation/traffic impact be to the area and surrounding neighborhoods?
- What impact will there be on utilities and service systems?

I support Option B.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Jason Dempsey | Sales Engineer

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From: [Thomas Monreal](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:57:57 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out to express my support for "Option B" as it relates to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment.

Though my wife and I live in North County San Diego, we visit this area monthly as part of a Vizsla Meetup group to socialize our dogs, allowing them to free run and interact with other dogs and people. This ongoing socialization is critical to their training, ensuring they too are good citizens. While our initial draw to this area was due to it being one of the few open spaces to allow our dogs to run off leash (lawfully), we have become fond of it for our own exercise and enjoyment.

I feel that adding a road, or any projects that might reduce the size of this space, would add traffic to the general area, require unnecessary costs, and take away from its natural beauty.

Thank you,

-Tom Monreal
Carlsbad, CA 92008

From: [Sue](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.com
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:22:19 AM

Please accept this as my taxpayer voice letting you know that I do not want to see any changes to fiesta island. I understand that you have a plan A, which involves development, and a plan B leaving it in its current state. I am absolutely in favor of plan B, the option to keep fiesta island open and available to off-leash dog exercise, human recreation, and overall natural state of the Area. Any buildings, Roads, ampitheater, or other commercialization would be a failure by the city to adhere to keep San Diego in its most natural and authentic state .This area is completely consumed by hotels, roads, tourism, concrete... the natural areas should remain in their current state and effort to increase traffic, noise, congestion are contrary to the wants of the taxpayers. Therefore please register my vehement opposition to plan a, and my absolute approval of Plan B.

Susan Gilmor
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tara Bennett](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:24:29 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I absolutely believe that it is vital to our community to support OPTION B in support of preserving Fiesta Island. Turning Fiesta Island into a recreational center etc. would be highly detrimental to our community and the beautiful off-leash dog park.

Thank you,
Tara Bennett

From: [Sharlene Theakston](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:22:08 AM

Dean Planning Committee,

My name is Sharlene Theakston and it was brought to my attention that the city is planning on making some changes to Fiesta Island. I would like to express my desire to please keep the off-leash area as is for the people of San Diego and their pets. I vote for Option B; keeping the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

My husband and I and our two labs frequent the island almost every weekend – specifically the off-leash area. Not only is it great exercise for our dogs and allows them interaction with other dogs, it is great exercise for us. It not only allows the dogs to run and play, but they also get to swim and labs love the water. ☺ We also enjoy walking along the shoreline while our dogs splash and play in the water – it is great all year around fun! Taking this away would drastically change our recreation time with our pets and ourselves.

Please take my message into consideration regarding the fenced, off-leash area of Fiesta Island.

Thank you for your time,

Sharlene Theakston

From: [Jerry Walk](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:18:45 PM

I support option B
Gerard A Walk zip 92309

From: [Tyler Fowler](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:53:16 PM

Hello,

My name is Tyler Fowler and I live in the 92102 zip code area. My family, including my grandchildren and my dog are regular, frequent visitors to Fiesta Island, particularly the off leash dog park area. I have a very active 3 year old Vizsla and 2 very active grandchildren who live with me. At least a couple of times a week, but especially on Saturdays, we spend at least a couple of hours walking around the island, playing in the water and running around with our dog.

Being a Vizsla, my dog Ra loves the water and loves to retrieve the tennis balls we throw in the water for him. However, he also loves to run through the upper field area. We spend at least an hour walking around the shore and throwing balls in the water for him. We then spend at least another hour walking the trails on the upper field so that he can run to his heart's content, chasing birds or just running for the sheer joy of it. Seeing him out there is a thing of beauty and we get great enjoyment from seeing him in his element. There is no other place like Fiesta Island where he can truly open up and run as Vizslas were meant to do in a wide open, off leash safe environment.

Fiesta Island is also the place where we Vizsla owners have a monthly MeetUp where all of the Vizslas get to run around and interact with each other. It's a welcoming group of Vizsla owners and I think we all feel that Fiesta Island is a place where we can feel comfortable knowing that our dogs are in a safe environment where they can be free to run around like crazy without the fear of them being in danger of getting hit by cars.

Visiting Fiesta Island is a peaceful refuge for me as well. I was recently diagnosed as being prediabetic and walking Fiesta Island with my grandchildren and Ra provides me with some additional activity that I need to keep active and stay healthy. I used to be a member at a gym, but walking for hours on end on a treadmill is frankly rather boring. Being out in nature, in the San Diego weather (whether sunny or overcast), breathing in the fresh ocean breeze is one of the highlights of my week and I really look forward to the peaceful quiet time to watch Ra run, walk the trails and be at peace with my thoughts.

It's a perfect place exactly as it is and I just can't imagine it being changed and how any change would truly be an "improvement". I've lived in San Diego for the past 50 years and Fiesta Island has just always been there. We never appreciate something as much as we do when we fear that it's going to be taken away or changed into someone else's idea of "better".

It is my preference that this beautiful, unique, wide open, natural place be left as it is, untouched. However, if that is not to be, then **I support ADOPTING OPTION B.**

Thank you,
Tyler S. Fowler
220 N. Pardee St.
San Diego CA 92102

From: [Liz Upsall Aderhold](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:10:36 AM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to expression my opinion in adopting option B for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. Keeping Fiesta Island dog park as is is very important to me as I have two dogs and we frequent Fiesta Island dog park about once a week. It is a great opportunity to have an open space that both of my dogs can enjoy. One of my dogs is reactive to people so we generally can't take her to dog parks, but because of the ample space at Fiesta we are able to keep her on leash as we walk around and our second dog is able to run and play off leash. Please take my opinion into consideration when deciding the plans for Mission Bay Park Master Plan by choosing option B. I have included a photo of my dogs and husband enjoying the current Fiesta Island Park

Thanks

Liz (Zoey and Darwin) Aderhold



From: [Mike D](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:02:05 PM

Hi I'm mike,

4 year SD resident. Currently living in PB 92109, and weekly visitor to fiesta island's dog park for the last 2 years. Fiesta island is a huge asset to the area. Please do not change the dog park by dividing it in any way. What makes it special is it's wide expanse and lack of traffic. The last thing SD needs is more concrete! I support Option B !! Let's increase the fenced in area ! It's the best park in the country !!

Thanks
Mike

Mike DiCerbo
646-342-6078

From: [From Amy Bjornson](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:59:36 PM

Hello!

Hope this finds you well. Please re-consider not taking away a part of San Diego for many of us that holds value. A place we all love to go, not just for dogs I enjoy the peacefulness that Fiesta Island holds. What shame that money and greed will take over such a valuable part of San Diego. We live here, pay taxes and by taking this away you changing the San Diego that many of us love and why were live here. Please re-consider.

Thank you

~A M Y

From: [Michael van Asselt](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:45:33 PM

I support Option B!

I moved to SD over 3 years ago and the dog friendliness of this city was a main reason why. So many lucky dogs and their humans visit Fiesta Island multiple times per week. Allowing for happy dogs and happy humans. Dog owners at Fiesta are responsible and appreciative of this great land use and would hate more than anything to see that park reduced in size.

I do, however understand the desire of the city to enhance and develop the island as it could be an even better destination, but with already so many beach and bay front locations all around, please keep in mind the great benefit this provides for dog owners all throughout the county.

For a weekly visitor, the types of enhancement I can get on board for are better, paved, parking facilities, shaded seating areas, better land maintenance to reduce harmful vegetation such as foxtails which could be fatal to our furry companions. Taking away that entire inner beach area (current water ski area) is probably the nicest area where the dogs love to play and swim. I would love to see that area stay as is. I think Option A would turn Fiesta into a zoo, have higher costs to develop and maintain, and create bad traffic conditions which would lead to more accidents (car on car, car on pedestrian, and car on dog).

I support Option B!

Regards,
Michael van Asselt
Clairemont resident

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Lindsay Ghiroli](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:57:11 PM

OPTION B!!!

From: ptpam@cox.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:48:10 AM

IN SUPPORT of Proposal B - To keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area

As a San Diego County resident, this is my only dog beach leash-free access I have used for over 30+yrs.

I participate in dog beach clean ups and support the dog off-leash events at Mission Bay's Fiesta Island Dog Park. My taxes support a park ranger at this location. This is a unique place where my family and friends gather regularly to exercise and walk with our dogs at the beach leash free.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Pamela A. Causey
844 Paraiso Ave
Spring Valley CA 91977

From: [Jon Bowden](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:24:16 PM

Dear City Planning Representative:

As a San Diego city native (currently residing in Clairemont at 3957 Biddle St. San Diego, CA 92111) and a weekly user of Fiesta Island Recreational Areas and Dog Park, I'm opposed to any development on the island beyond making repairs to existing infrastructure. If I must choose between the two development options currently being considered, then I strongly endorse Option B for the re-planning of Fiesta Island because this plan involves less development and preserves more of the open space that so many of us in San Diego hold dear.

Year-round I bike, kayak, hike, and walk my dog at Fiesta Island. I have a small Terrier Mix that absolutely loves to go off leash in the dog park in order to run and play with other dogs. It's our main source of exercise and plays a critical role in our collective health and well being. I have friends from all over San Diego county who routinely drive 45 minutes or more to Fiesta Island to enjoy the off leash area.

I'd like to point out that the development proposed in Option A already exists at South Shores Park about 1.5 miles north of Fiesta Island. South Shores is an ample boat launch/dock with an RV waste collection site. Even in the Summer months there's never a line for the boat ramp. This area serves as a much more practical launch site because of its multiple directions of accessibility from the 5 freeway and its massive parking lot with plenty of overflow parking at adjacent lots.

There's a serenity to the Fiesta Island off leash area that would be lost forever to the Option A development proposal. Option A would divide the open space with a road to a parking lot and a boat launch which will reduce access for off-leash users and bring with it increased traffic and pollution. I'd prefer my open space without an asphalt expressway running through it. I know the legions of joggers and cyclists that use fiesta on a daily basis would prefer not to breathe any more exhaust or risk any more exposure to being hit by vehicles than they already do.

I urge you to back development Option B and advocate that the off leash area be established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible to halt the encroachment of any future development.

My grandfather John Bowden of 2936 Fairfield St, San Diego CA 92110, and my mother Margo Verhoek of 1818 Pentucket Ave, San Diego CA 92104 would also like to add their strong support of this letter.

Thank You,
Jon Kaisen Bowden-Verhoek

From: [Victor DeTroy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:51:16 PM

As a registered voter in San Diego, I fully support option B.

I would love for the city to study the impact of mowing more frequently to control the foxtail problems on our local ecology and loved ones.

Building a road across the area would have a severely negative impact on air quality, noise quality, and the charm of Fiesta Island.

Fiesta Island is known around the country as Dog utopia, and as the younger generation looks to vacation or relocate, a major draw is this dog friendly paradise. Any measure other than Option B would have a severe long term economic impact on the city and it's residents.

In all honesty, a major reason I moved to San Diego were wonderful places like Fiesta Island that offered a beautiful off-leash area for dogs. It is outdoor spaces like this that set San Diego head and shoulders above other cities in Southern California.

Option B has my full support.

Victor DeTroy
3157 Jemez Drive
San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Marjjoan Peck](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:46:38 AM

Hello,

I am writing in support of Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment to the Mission Bay Plan

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

My dog died, so I currently have no dog to take to Fiesta, but will again. I used Fiesta at least weekly when my dog was alive. I use it now walking with friends and their pets. It is a lovely place, free of development. Fiesta provides a joyful environment for dogs and the people who love them. If you watch both dogs and their people you will see the joy the place brings. Personally I would leave the wonderful CA daisies (may not be the correct name) that spring up each year. they are a nesting place for meadowlarks and are gorgeous.. Whoever decided they needed to be mowed down to avoid fox tails is off base and no friend to birds and lizards, Access to the shoreline is an essential part of what makes Fiesta's dog beach such a joyful place. Animals and people want to be in and near the water. As I understand it, Option B allows that. There just have to be places where dogs can be free, running on dirt and in water. Where people who love dogs can be with them. Putting a road or other structures in this area, break it up defeating the very purpose of a great place to walk and run.

I understand that FIDO also believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills the goals of the planning group.

Thank You

Marj

Marjorie Peck PhD, RN, NEA-BC

From: [Nicole Botcheos](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:24:15 PM

Hello

I live in PB and I fully support OPTION B - preserving Fiesta Island. My two dogs are on heaven every time they go there (at least twice per week). Please don't take this wonderful place away from them.

Thank you,
~Nicole Botcheos

From: [Chris Lee](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:15:39 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Option B, leaving Fiesta Island the way it is.

Fiesta Island is likely one of the best if not the best dog parks in the world. I have been going with my dog for over 8 years at least once a week. Although I drive 20 miles to go there, it is well worth the trip for the livelihood of both me and dog. There are no off-leash dog parks that compare to Fiesta and dogs and owners alike benefit both physically and mentally from the open area and shoreline.

Putting a road in, building an amphitheater, etc. as proposed for Option A would detract from the area, increasing traffic which to an area with already limited access, as well as adversely affecting air quality and further increasing noise pollution due to increased auto traffic and waverunners/jet skis. Decreasing the area available for dogs and dog owners would compromise the appeal of the dog park, likely lead to increased aggression between dogs due to crowding and detract from the beauty and enjoyment of the park.

Please keep Fiesta Island the way it is!

Sincerely,
Dr. Lee

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Susanna Concha-Garcia](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 7:37:07 AM

IN SUPPORT of Proposal B - To keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

As a native San Diego County resident, this is the only dog beach access I have used for over 25+yr.

I participate in dog beach clean ups and support the dog off leash events at Mission Bay's Fiesta Island Dog Park. My taxes support a park ranger at this location. This is a unique place where locals and out of town families with dogs can go and enjoy the day at the beach with their dog companions.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Susanna Concha-Garcia
844 Paraiso Ave
Spring Valley CA 91977

From: [Amanda Hooper](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendmen
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:58:48 PM

Hello!

Please keep Fiesta Island off-the leash dog park, it is an amazing spot in San Diego. It brings our community together, happy dog happy life!

Best Regards,
Amanda

From: [Lori OBrien](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:37:27 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

As you well know, Fiesta Island was ranked the Best Dog Park in the United States. This is for very good reason. Countless people use this park on a daily basis. It is truly the best off leash park to take your dog. They are not confined to small over crowded fenced areas. There is so much open area to swim, play ball, socialize and explore.

I go to Fiesta with my dog 3 to 5 times a week. Trixie prefers to explore the trails in the 60 acre fenced area. It is great exercise for both of us! So many dogs are playing all over the island on land and in the water.

It would be a travesty to divide the Best Dog Park in the Unites States with a road and reduce access for the off-leash users!

There are two improvements that would be greatly appreciated:

- 1) Better control of the fox tails. It is well known that these can cause serious injury and even death to our dogs.
- 2) The addition of steps that go from the shoreline up to the plateau next to the north fence of the Turn breeding ground would make that climb or decent safer for all.

Please adopt Option B that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off leash area!

Best Regards,

Lori O'Brien
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3420 Cowley Way #4
San Diego, CA 92117

From: [KR Cress](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:00:23 AM

Fiesta Island's off leash dog park should be kept in place.

San Diego is known as a dog friendly city. Petco's slogan is, "Where the pets go." This statement represents our city, too. San Diego's downtown highrise residential communities have exploded over the last decade and there is a prevalent canine component to this boom. Downtown restaurants have built outdoor patios to accommodate their canine customers. San Diego's Major League Baseball team designate games allowing fans to bring their pets. Walk into any of San Diego's large breweries, like Alesmith, and you will see a dog dish of water. It's just a silent bowl of water, but it says so much. Breweries large and small, ALL have gorgeous stained concrete floors to cater to their canine customers. There are so many organizations that host "Walks for Animals" and Pet Expos. People in San Diego love and make their dogs a priority in their life. Having a pet in your life makes your life better. Even San Diego's homeless have embraced pet ownership and know the high value a dog can bring to a person's life.

Add Fiesta Island to this list of endearing items that makeup San Diego.. Our high regard for our animals is what makes us warm and caring San Diego residents. Walk Fiesta Island on any day and look around. In the distance you will see the iconic elements of San Diego's backdrop and in the foreground, you will see a playful group of loyal pets running and living the life nature intended. Walking close by, you will see group of people that make caring, compassion, nature, environment, love a priority.

Please save Fiesta Island dog park.

From: [Colleen Brooks](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:39:29 AM

Dear San Diego Planning Committee,

My husband and I purchased a condo in south Pacific Beach (Reed & Gresham) in June 2016. We specifically chose this area due to the fact that we have a working breed dog and walk her every day at Fiesta Island. She (Cheyenne) is used to being off-leash each day for proper exercise. Having this large, safe and beautiful place to walk our dog off leash was a HUGE factor in our choice of location. Fiesta Island is also unique in that you can socialize your dog with other dogs as well as people in a large enough environment which also leads to friendly encounters. If Fiesta Island dog beach is reduced in size it could ruin the whole experience. We hope that you will go with OPTION B to keep this special "Fiesta Island" Off -leash dog park intact.

From visiting with others in the area who travel to San Diego each year for either vacation or a longer stay of 1-5 months to escape colder, harsher climates I can tell you that Fiesta Island dog park is a big draw.

Thank-you for your consideration,
Colleen Brooks

From: [Rafael Bouffard](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - Dog Park
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:22:42 PM

Sir or madame, I am writing to you to let you know that my family uses the amazing dog park area at least 3 times a week. I travel extensively all over America and the rest of the world and I can tell you that there is nothing like our Fiesta Island dog park anywhere else that I have been to. In fact I have met many people from other parts of the state and country for the exact reason that this park is so unique. When you consider that most state parks and regional trail systems require dogs to be on leash the large leash free open space at Fiesta Island stands out even more to all dog owners. Visitors always marvel at the incredible open space located in the city where people and dogs can roam freely. The dog park is so obviously an asset to San Diego County that I can't believe anyone would consider changing it. Do you really want to change, shrink or get rid of the best dog park in America (as stated in USA Today)?!! Clearly the park should be promoted not threatened. Please work to permanently protect this incredible regional asset.

Rafael Bouffard
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La Mesa, Ca 91941

From: rachael.van.doorn
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:05:57 AM

I strongly support option B in regards to the two plans being decided upon for the Fiesta Island Off-Leash Dog Park.

Currently, I have part-time custody of a Siberian husky by the name of Kazak (Kazi for short). She is my pride and joy, but I am only able to see her on the weekends for a few hours a day. I like to utilize this time by giving Kazi the best time I can give her, and bringing her to the Fiesta Island Off-leash dog park does just that. I come to this park every weekend with Kazi, and am so grateful for the vast amount of land and bay she has to roam freely; she is truly her happiest when at the park. Dividing the park by a road, fence or amphitheater would devastate both of us. She needs the space to get out the bounds of energy she has from being couped up all week! I rest easy knowing that there is no access within the park for cars to drive through, keeping tragic accidents from happening that are horrific not only for the owner, but also for the drivers. Kazak is not one to know when it is or is not safe to cross a road, and for that reason I only allow her off leash at this park as all other dog parks near the beach have direct access to the roadways. For this reason, Fiesta Island dog park is the only park I feel truly comfortable letting Kazak run free. I would not feel comfortable with her off-leash if a road was placed within the park to allow cars to pass and would be heart-broken knowing there is no other dog-park nearby with the options Fiesta Island currently offers.

I urge you to please not obstruct the Fiesta Island Off-leash Dog park. Please keep the area intact, keeping maintenance up and work on the removal of fox-tails to keep our furry-children safe. They are all some of us have and we want them to continue to love the sanctuary fiesta island off-leash dog park is. Please support option B to keep our dogs happy and worry free!

Thank you,

Rachael Van Doorn
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RachaelVanDoorn@yahoo.com

From: [Paul Zinsmeister](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:29:21 AM

Hello,

Please Adopt Option B! Our family has been taking out dog to fiesta island for 5 years now and do not want to the free area significantly cut down by putting a road through the middle, building parking lots, boat storage, and increasing traffic on the island. With the Sky rocketing Housing prices most residents are not able to afford a yard for their dog and this is the only true place we are able to take our pets where they can run and truly be free. If you come to the dog park on a weekend you can see how busy the dog area gets and cutting that area down would be a huge disservice to the residents of San Diego. Even former Mayor Bob Filner came out to the island and saw how important it was to not change the island.

I also run and bike around the island. There is already a good amount of traffic to deal with and if there are now going to be even more people driving through the island with their trailers this is going to create a very unsafe situation for those of us on bike or foot.

Option A also appears to be a pretty costly project. We have so many other needs in the city why do we need to spend it on something that is going to take away from the natural beauty of the island. There are already various places for people to launch and store their watercraft's on mission bay. I have been coming to the island for years and have never heard anyone clamoring for this changes so I'm not sure where this idea came from.

Please do the right thing and Adopt option B.

Thank you,

Paul Zinsmeister

From: [Crystal Woodward](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 11:00:59 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been taking my maltese-yorkie mix, Sammie, to Fiesta Island for the past 7 years. We tend to visit this area for our daily walk about 5-6 days a week. My dog knows Fiesta Island by name and as soon as I say the name, he perks up and begins prancing around the house - ready to enjoy his off leash walk!! It is the highlight of our day to make our trek around the fenced in dog area.

The reason we enjoy Fiesta Island more so than Dog Beach is the ability to walk a long, scenic route as opposed to being confined to one section of a beach. My dog only likes to get his feet wet occasionally in the bay waters – the majority of the time, we enjoy hiking through the different sections of the dog area of Fiesta Island. The terrain allows for walks near the water when hot, or on trails when colder (or when you don't want your dog to get wet and messy ☺). Not only that, my dog loves being social with other dogs and hates wearing his leash, so this area is truly his heaven. He looks like he is smiling every time we are there.

For this reason, I strongly support Option B from the below:

~~"Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users.~~
"Option B" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I am a proud member of FIDO (Fiesta Island Dog Owners). Quoting from the Public Notice:
"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".
FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A.

OPTION B is the way to go! Please do not take away our doggie heaven. Thank you!!



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From: [David Lynn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:10:55 PM

Hello -

Please support option B and avoid dividing the Fiesta off-leash area with a road. Fiesta is one of the best places in San Diego to exercise both dogs and people. We use it year round multiple times per week, and I can guarantee there are very few other users on a cold weekday morning in the winter. Taking space from daily, year round users in order to satisfy the needs of limited users makes no sense.

Thank you.

David Lynn
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San Diego, CA 92122
858.215.4091

From: [Margaret Thomas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:20:58 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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> The number of citizens who regularly use Fiesta Island will be denied open space for dogs, jet skis, fishing, barbecues, campfires, and over-the-line tournaments played by children, teens, and adults. All for the sake more development. Open space is far too precious to give up for tourist developments that will use our limited resources (water, road use/wear and tear) without providing beach access and sand space in kind. This area serves the citizens of San Diego and San Diego county. Please preserve it as such.

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [George Bertini](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - Option B
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:03:35 AM

I currently use the Fiesta Island area 2-3 times per week.
I strongly support to keep the area intact and increase the fenced off-leash area.
I support Option B

Thank you.

George Bertini
La Jolla, ZIP: 92037

From: [Emily Slapin Lufkin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:08:02 PM

I'm writing in support of adopting option B. I have three dogs and I go to Fiesta Island every week to exercise them and allow them to run and play. There is nowhere else in the city that offers the same experience as Fiesta island and for a dog owner, this space is invaluable.

Emily Lufkin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Roberto Vasquez](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:50:00 AM

Hello,

I support Option B to keep the fenced, off-leash area.

I take my dog to the Fiesta Island off-leash area 5 times/week and it is his favorite place in San Diego!

Please accept Option B. Fiesta Island off-leash area must stay!

Thank you,
Roberto Vasquez Sanchez

From: [Richard B. Barney Callahan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment Endorsement of Option B
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 10:10:08 PM

Hello, as a weekly user of Fiesta Island Dog Park I would urge you to select the Option "B" plan. I love the island and want it to remain "as is" as much as is possible. As it currently exists it is one of the very best dog parks in the nation and serves San Diego residents & visitors well. It is efficient in terms of resources and cost to the cities it currently stands. I plan to attend the meeting on May 23 regarding the future of the park. Thank You, Richard B. Callahan

From: [brian foster](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:49:54 PM

To all members of the Planning Committee,

Please keep the Fiesta Island Dog Park intact. It is one of the most unique areas of it's kind anywhere. We have enjoyed it and would like to see it remain open for dogs off leash.

Thank you,
Brian Foster

From: [Alyssa Peters](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:38:50 AM

Hello,

The purpose of this email is to express my **support of Option B** in the City Public Notice announcement as this option would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement"

In reading through both options, **Option B is the one we support!**

The Fiesta Island off-leash area is our French Bulldog, Bato's favorite place in all of San Diego! The trails provide the exercise that he needs to be a healthy puppy and later on, as a growing adult! We visit the Fiesta Island off-leash area 3-4 times/week and our access to the Mission Bay shoreline important! We see MANY other dog owners there every time we visit, and it is very important that the size remain large to be able to offer each dog with the proper space to run and play and enjoy themselves. Not only does the Fiesta island off-leash area offer our puppy with the exercise he needs, it also allows my fiance and I the recreation and exercise that we need to be healthy members of the San Diego community as well!

We would hate to see such a positive, dog-loving and wonderful place be taken over by human greed and selfishness. Fiesta Island off-leash area must stay intact.

We support adopting Option B!

Thank you,
Alyssa Peters

From: [Samantha Rudolph](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:49:02 PM

I support the preservation of FIESTA ISLAND'S OFF LEASH DOG AREA!! Keep it the SAME!!! It's important to our community, our families, our dogs.
-Samantha Rudolph

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Laurie Ferullo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 7:04:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the Fiesta Island Amendment. I am in support of "**Option B**" would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. As a proud dog owner who often frequents the FI off-leash park, I find joy in seeing the interaction of other dog owners and dogs enjoying a friendly, safe, secure environment to seek exercise and socialization.

Please consider my voice/opinion when deciding upon which option.

Thank you,

Concetta L. Ferullo

Sent from my iPad

From: kate.neale
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:32:14 AM

Dear City Planners,

Please support FIDO's Option B as our city's official city plan. I have been a citizen of San Diego for 47 years. I only discovered the joys of Fiesta Island over the past 12 years. While San Diego has a number of off-lease dog parks, Fiesta Island is truly a treasure for both animals and their people. Visitors come for all over the state and country to visit San Diego. Fiesta Island Off-Lease Park has become a destination for visitors. My sister lives full time in Santa Barbara (a lovely place), but decided to purchase a home in San Diego as well. One of San Diego's selling points was Fiesta Island. We call it, "the happiest place in the world"; a bit of hyperbole to be sure, but the moniker expresses our appreciation.

Having lived in San Diego since 1970, I have experience the expansion of our city. In general, we have managed to maintain the spirit of San Diego even as we have grown. Fiesta Island has retained a natural "beachy" feel, a haven for boaters, picnickers, soccer players, over-the-line tournament goers, and dogs and their people. Let us retain this park for San Diego citizens and our visitors.

Kate Neale
4433 Arch St
San Diego, CA 92116

From: [Carrie Kirtz](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:58:20 PM

Sent from my iPad

> On May 10, 2017, at 6:50 PM, Carrie Kirtz <ckirtz3@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> I have lived in the Mission Bay area for about 14 years and have owned a house in Crown Point the last 5. I have enjoyed Fiesta Island just as it is throughout that time and I know many others have as well. Whether it's paddleboarding, campfires, or walks with my dog, Buddy, Fiesta is my sanctuary. In my opinion, I think it's terrific the way it is, but if you intend to change it please go with Option B and leave the partially fenced in area for off leash dogs intact. I think in the long run this is the wisest choice, both for the dogs and the birds who nest.

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> Thank you for your oversight,

> Carrie Kirtz

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> Sent from my iPad

From: [Nichole Rudolph](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:45:34 PM

My name is Nichole Sprague and I support the preservation of Fiesta Islands off leash dog area. This park means the world to me, my family and my dogs. We are a naval family and use this park as exercise for both ourselves and our beautiful dogs. The size of the area now is absolutely perfect, not only for us to get the perfect amount of exercise in but for our dogs. We have 2 hunting dogs that run the entire length of the off leash area for hours on end. My whole family, including my dogs, would be heartbroken if this area was gone or even changed in size. This is so important to the San Diego community and even beyond... we drive down weekly from our home in Temecula, CA.

However, I would suggest more frequent mowings of the facility to control the foxtail issue. Foxtails can cause serious health problems and injury in dogs.

Please keep our favorite place!! KEEP FIESTA ISLAND THE WAY IT IS!!

Nichole Sprague
33240 Corte Yaca
Temecula, CA 92592

From: rebecca@cityofsan-diego.gov
To: PN_Planning@cityofsan-diego.gov
Cc: info@10050.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:43:08 PM

Rebecca Malone

Environmental Planner
City of San Diego Planning Department

Dear Ms. Malone,

I am writing regarding the proposed options for the Southwest Island portion of Fiesta Island, Mission Bay, as referenced in the planning document for developing the requisite EIR (http://docs.sandiego.gov/citybulletin_publicnotices/CEQA/PN%201619%20Notice%20of%20Preparation%20Mission%20Bay%20Park%20Master%20Plan%20Update%20Fiesta%20Island%20Amendment%20050917.pdf).

I have been a resident of San Diego since 1974. I have owned dogs almost continuously throughout my life; they are family members, both in my childhood and as I raised my own children (now adults). I have lived in various parts of the county, from east to north, and travelled throughout the county when my sons played youth soccer.

Throughout the years and places, the most enjoyable off-leash experiences we have had with our dogs has been at the Fiesta Island dog park. We visit this site with our dogs every week, multiple times each week. This site offers the most unique environment because it is large and diverse: people and dogs of all sizes and demeanors can find a place to relax and enjoy themselves at this site. It truly is like no other. It draws from an expansive group of people, from old to young, observers to athletes, with and without canine companions. I have seen many non-dog people enjoy the park and even seek interactions with dogs and their owners. I've learned that for some of these non-dog persons, they have lost a dear companion (canine or human) and are seeking comfort by visiting with others in the relaxed environment of Fiesta Island. Not surprisingly, this dog park has been ranked as the top dog park in the nation by USA Today readers (<http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-dog-park/>).

Throughout the years we have also enjoyed the island for biking, hiking, scouting (yes, we did that too) and camp fires. It offers an isolated piece of nature without all of the commercialism found in the immediate surroundings. If we wanted more roads or more fences, more turf or playgrounds, we can easily go anywhere within an immediate 1-mile radius and find it. We should not destroy the last remaining natural open park on our coastline - not one that is on cliffs, but right at the waterline. Can you find another gem like this along our California coast? I've looked to no avail and I challenge you to identify one, especially one that allows an off-leash experience for dog families.

As you develop your EIR, you will need to address at minimum, the impacts of Option A and Option B on the local Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Historical and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems. As described by the City and shown in their "Precise Plan" map, **Option A will introduce a significant impact** to every one of those topics and reshapes the whole Southwest area. The introduction of playgrounds does not improve the site, and are not needed especially with the numerous playgrounds already located at Mission Bay park.

As proposed, **Option B entails minimal impact, preserving** the Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, and Transportation/Traffic. Option B preserves the open play areas and encourages the appreciation of our native (and non-native) vegetation areas. It's also been my experience that people and canines alike prefer real ground surfaces, not turf.

For all of these reasons, I support Option B as outlined in your proposal and if completed correctly, I expect a comprehensive EIR will too. Option A will significantly diminish the site in terms of basic environmental impact, and I believe equally important, how the current broad range of users experiences the site. It is clear that Option B will allow the site to move forward with some improvements, none of which will negatively impact the environment or the users.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Vetter
San Diego 92122

From: [Julie Horn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:42:58 AM

Hi,

Fiesta island is one of my favorite places in San Diego, as I take me my mini Labradoodle there four times a week. The park is filled with great people and animals who absolutely adore the space, my sister even referred to it as "doggy heaven" this past weekend.

Options B is the right option for the city. The open air, land and atmosphere is irreplaceable. The undeveloped beauty the island has is so peaceful, and I hope it stays that way!

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Julie Horn

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Cell: (845) 797 - 9853

From: [Roni Krautheim](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:56:50 PM

I want to urge you to vote for Option B. Fiesta Island Dog Park is the greatest dog park in all of southern California, according to my dog Casey and I. I don't even mind driving the 30 miles from RB to get there because it is such a great place. We have spent so much time at this dog park. Casey LOVES being able to swim, to run around and catch balls without needing to be on a leash, and I LOVE being able to play with him and get exercise myself. Please expand this dog park. It is a well-used park for all dog lovers, and others, to enjoy in our beautiful city.

Thank you
Veronica Krautheim
Rancho Bernardo

From: [Julie Mckane](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:18:29 PM

I am a daily dog walker and very much support Plan B alternative to keep and expand the off leash area of Fiesta Island. I am also a taxpayer and a voter. We need to retain our open spaces around Mission Bay.

Julie McKane 4221 Dakota Dr SD, CA 92117 jmckane38@gmail.com
858-262-3330

From: [Kal Masri](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:42:25 AM

Dear Public Officials;

Fiesta Island dog park is very important to our nearly daily lives and when we heard that the City was planning changes to the Island, we jumped on the opportunity to email you to let our voices heard. Simply, we are heavily in favor of keeping the Fiesta Island Dog park untouched, or as it is today, or in favor of **"Option B"** which would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash dog area.

Fiesta Island is such a integral part of our and our dog's healthy living that we cannot imagine what we would do without this area. We appreciate the long walking loop because it helps keep our bodies moving and our dogs are certainly crazy happy (which make us crazy happy too) whenever we are there. We have been to dozens of other parks, on and off leash, but truly nothing compares to the open off-leash space the Fiesta provides, and the combination of sun, sand, water, and lovely year-round breezes and just plain heavenly for our entire family. Please know that restricting or eliminating the use of Fiesta Island would have negative consequences and would most certainly impact our lives negatively.

WE hope that by sending this notice to you would become aware of what Fiesta Island means for us and for all dog owners in San Diego. We would sincerely appreciate your listening to our voices and thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Nicole Madcour
San Diego, CA 92121

From: [Joshua Stephens](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:22:17 PM

I support FIDO's "option B" plan for fiesta island. My family goes to Fiesta Island 40+ weeks a year, more than any other park. It is currently used by many dog lovers and gives us a place to play that is sorely needed throughout San Diego. In our local dog park water fountains and spigots were removed, and the sprinklers that watered the grass were turned off or removed. If we can't manage to water the small spaces we already have and provide simple water fountains why are we building out a large area that would need far more water, electricity and grooming. The beauty of Fiesta Island is that it's a natural open area. The cost to mow it every few months and otherwise take care of it is a pittance compared to the build out other plans would require.

Thank you.

Joshua Stephens
9931 Fox Valley Ln
San Diego, CA 92127

From: [Megan Sowell](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:11:49 PM

City of San Diego,

Please stick with Option B regarding Fiesta Island Amendment. I have many fond memories at Fiesta Island and would like for future generations to have the same.

Megan Sowell, US Army Veteran
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San Diego
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202-627-0000

From: [Kristen Hohmann](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:14:54 PM

Hello,

I support adopting Option B as the preferred option for the Fiesta Island redevelopment plans. This area means a great deal to my family and I - we regularly bring jet skis, BBQ, and utilize the fenced off-leash dog park every weekend. Please preserve this important resource that is so important to many San Diego residents.

*Sincerely,
Kristen Hohmann
858-210-0743*

From: [Kal Masri](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:28:37 AM

Dear City Representatives;

If you only knew how important is Fiesta Island'd dog park to our lives and the lives of our dogs. We go to Fiesta Island every day of every weekend and holidays for two reasons: 1) our dogs, and 2) our own exercise needs. Before we leave the house, all we have to do is ask our dogs "who wants to go to the island?" and both of our babies go crazy with happiness. Yes, since we have no kids, our two dogs have become our kids, just as endearing, just as important to our happiness and well being, both emotional and physical. My wife and I are both pre-diabetic, and our weekend walks with the dogs at Fiesta Island are critically important in managing our health, especially since the 2 mile loop is a perfect 45 minute walk after a breakfast on each day of each weekend.

Reducing the space and/or removing Fiesta Island from public use would be devastating to us and surely to our dogs. we cannot urge you strongly enough to adopt "**Option B**" which would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash dog area.

Thank you for listening, we appreciate your hard work on behalf of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Kal Masri
10723 Passerine Way
San Diego, CA 92121

From: [Monica Lanctot](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:48:19 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know that -- as a frequent user and lover of Fiesta Island --I support Option B in the current plan updates. While the intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement, I believe that -- if properly done -- the EIR will conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please support Option B for the Fiesta Island plan update.

Best,
Monica Lanctot
San Diego resident, 92116
(619) 997-9541

From: [James Moore](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org; [Kris Moore](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 5:44:09 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I hereby officially support **Option B** that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. My reasons for the following are:

- It has the least impact to the natural environment that has been established on Fiesta Island
- The natural habitat that has thrived over the past 20 years would be severely harmed by cutting a road through the dog park
- The park already supports numerous activities beyond just the BEST DOG PARK IN AMERICA, that would be dramatically effected by Option A
- My wife and I walk our dog, paddle board, run, and bike on Fiesta Island every single day of the year
- We bring family and friends that visit San Diego to Fiesta Island to show off how far sighted San Diego planners have been to create such a great, free local resource

I also would like to see, hear about the following:

- Has the committee received the environmental impact report about what the effects of Option A would be on the established bird nesting areas?
- How would Option A effect the boy scout park, bike races, and numerous other events that occur on Fiesta Island?

I'm sure the committee will be thoughtful, thorough, and be open to listening to all view points.

My wife and I are active voters.

Sincerely,

James & Kris Moore

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San Diego, CA. 92110

From: [Fred Lonidier](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Councilmember Barbara Bry](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:10:15 PM

My wife and I have taken both our dogs to the Fiesta Island dog park for years. There really is no place for a dog to run anywhere around where we live in University City. I have done cleanup work there to help out so am very committed to preserving this park for us and our dogs.

Yours,

Fred Lonidier

From: trvmyst@gmail.com on behalf of [Trevor Haag](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:58:56 PM

San Diego Planners,

I'm writing to express my support of "Option B" for leaving the fenced-in southwest area of Fiesta Island largely as-is while designating it as an official city dog park. Many San Diegans appreciate its unique quality as a large dog park in a metro area. Out-of-towners remark about the wide open spaces with panoramic views, access to sandy beaches, and distance from vehicle traffic. People both with and without dogs come here daily to exercise. As a daily park user and San Diego booster myself, I'm proud that Fiesta Island still exists in its current state with great potential for improvement, but think that the appropriate level of improvements doesn't align with the proposed "Option A".

I'm concerned with the environmental impact of adding of acres of turf when, in recent years, the city had to let its parks' grass dry up due to the state mandated water conservation. Perhaps adding new turf to San Diego parks isn't the most environmentally friendly idea at a time when increasingly volatile weather patterns may continue to threaten San Diego's water supply for the foreseeable future.

Also of concern, the effects of bringing vehicles and their accompanying noise, pollution, and disruption that much deeper into the southwest area of Fiesta island, closer to the protected least tern nesting site. I expect a suitable alternative layout could be found that offers water sports users access to the bay without impinging on what ought to remain a car-free area.

Thank you,

Trevor Haag | Bay Ho, San Diego 92117 | 858-220-6795 | t.e.haag@gmail.com

From: [Nansi Jo Colley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:30:14 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to convey how important it is that the fenced area for off-lease exercise at Fiesta Island remain intact without the roads, amphitheater, fences, and other structures that are being planned by the city of San Diego. Please allow Fiesta Island to remain a contiguous park area where all of us, humans and dogs alike, can walk, enjoy the beauty of San Diego and obtain healthy exercise. We are new to the area and have so very much enjoyed our walks in the park. I have a long haired golden retriever and so getting rid of and managing foxtails is critical for our family. Fiesta Island is a precious resource for exercise and recreation for the us. I am requesting that the City Planners please support OPTION B. I am happy to provide additional information if needed. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

With best wishes,
Nansi Colley

From: [Jason Meadows](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:02:34 PM

San Diego government planning board,

I would like to express my support for option B.

I am a San Diego resident, tax payer, voter, and dog owner. My family and pets use the fiesta island off leash dog area almost every weekend. We think it is important to have a large contiguous area with no vehicular activity permitted. We do not want a road, fence, or anything else to split this wonderful area. The wildlife and our pets appreciate the full open space of the off leash area. Fiesta Islands' shore is already almost completely accessible to vehicles so adding a road through the off leash area is redundant, unnecessary, and it harms the usability of the dark park.

Thank You,

Jason Meadows

From: [Aarons, Gregory](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:52:55 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong preference for OPTION B for the Fiesta Island Dog Park. The FIDP is a rare and valuable resource for San Diego City and San Diego County. The park provides a critical and rare venue for our dogs and ourselves and is strongly aligned with the Live Well San Diego <http://www.livewellsd.org/> initiative in supporting a health, safe, and thriving community. We use the FIDP frequently for our own health and that of our dog and those of our friends as well. We have met people who have become friends and encourage responsible pet ownership and use of our public lands. In addition, OPTION B will better conserve water and preserve a venue that is unique in the United States. The FIDP should remain intact for exercise and recreation and not be divided by road, fences, or other construction projects. I urge you to adopt OPTION B and not desecrate this wonderful resource.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Aarons

4752 Constance Dr.

San Diego, CA 92115

From: [Seneca Goodman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:49:21 PM

Hello,

I would like to send in my comments regarding the importance to preserve and establish the Fiesta Island dog park as an official off-leash dog park. I support Option B.

How and Why I Use the Dog Park....

1. My husband, my dog and I go to the park more than twice a weekend due to the easy access and its the closest dog park to my house
2. Going to the Fiesta Island off leash dog park is my main form of exercise on the weekends. I work a lot indoors during the week so it makes me incredibly happy to be able to walk/jog in this wonderful park without the crazy crowds or bad parking. Its so calming and makes me really appreciate the location of where I live.
3. My dog has serious anxiety and the OB/Del Mar dog beaches are too crowded for her to feel comfortable. She gets confused when there are too many people near her and I'm afraid she will run away since there are no fences/serious boundaries at the OB Beach (a parking lot or small embankment doesn't count as a serious boundary). Del Mar is too far to go for a quick 60 minutes of cardio since it takes 60 minutes just to get there and park.
4. I love taking my out-of-town guests to the park. I want to prove to them that San Diego really is the best place and is really supportive of their canine companions. (Recently, I gave directions to a lady who was trying to find the park. She was driving in circles and wasn't sure where should could let her dogs off the leash. Once she realized the size of the off-leash dog park she could not believe it. She said she just moved here from Manhattan and could not believe that she got to walk around with her dogs at park like this! She'd never seen a park this big.)

Reasons for Keeping the Dog Park Intact/Establishing a Permanent Dog Park...

1. The dog beaches at OB/Coronado/Del Mar are too small! Sitting around the beach is great but if I'm taking my dog we want to exercise. She is older so she needs to keep moving (me too!). She doesn't play and she doesn't fetch so we walk and we need something with distance. Seriously, this is really important.
2. Being at this park keeps us both cooler during the summer heat. After our walk/jog we stand around in the water for a while which makes everyone happy. We would go hiking but its too hot by 10AM with no way to cool down except stay home. Fiesta Island gets the breeze from ocean and sometimes the marine layer which is perfect for myself and my older black dog.

EIR Analysis...

1. I would like to know the total number of people/dogs using the park on different days of the week
2. A general use survey might be interesting to discover how the park is being used by each person (general walking exercise, running, etc.)
3. What's the estimated number of events for the new project? Will the number of people attending those events outnumber those who go to the dog park on a regular basis?
4. How much will it cost to remove the fox tails? How many people really care about this?
5. What is the solution for the tern preservation/breeding area?

Best,
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From: [Hali-Eden O Connor](mailto:Hali-Eden.O.Connor)
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:53:48 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

One of the main reasons I have chosen my career in San Diego is because of the dog friendly environment. Fiesta Island as an off leash option is one of my favorites because my dog friends can enjoy nature with the freedom to run and play. In fact, when one of my dogs was diagnosed with cancer in his skull, I used the wild trails as physical therapy. My dog had undergone mouth surgery in an attempt to seal up a fistula created from a tumor removal. He was painful and scared to open his mouth. By distracting him in his favorite place DAILY, he would run, play, chase lizards and dig which caused him to pant and he slowly was able to stretch the mouth open. Weeks of daily visits to Fiesta Island from Lemon Grove worked and he is now 3 years a survivor. Having a place where dogs can be dogs is such a blessing. PLEASE consider option B to increase the fenced area of Fiesta so that we may continue this joyful experience with our pups.

Thank you,
Hali O'Connor
2722 Nomel Ln.
Lemon Grove, CA 91945
619-606-1156

From: [Tara Shaw](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 3:15:51 PM

To whom it may concern:

I wanted to share that I am in favor of Option B.

My husband and I live just across the 5 from Fiesta Island (off Morena Blvd 92110) and it is truly my favorite place in San Diego.

We bring our 3 dogs there weekly and love to throw the ball for them and walk. It is such a special place. I love the open space and peaceful atmosphere to be able to walk around the entire outside and have a great mix of land and water. It's not like typical dog park where you have to stay put, throw the ball and only your dog gets exercise. I love saying hi to the fellow dog walkers and seeing all the different dogs enjoying the room to run and play in the water too!

Again this truly is my favorite place in San Diego and I've even come here without my dogs to walk around the leash free area to just enjoy it and clear my head. Please keep it the way it is for us all to enjoy as we've been enjoying it all these years!

Thank you,
Tara Shaw

From: [Tara Harris](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:45:53 PM

Quoting from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A.

Along with FIDO, I strongly support adopting Option B. My dog and I go to Fiesta Island at least once a week. It's the only place that I truly can relax and walk with my dog without worrying about the type of people or their four legged kids that are around. I've met great people there and I feel safe. We always walk around the entire area and it has helped me physically as well as emotionally to be able to get exercise while enjoying the beauty of Fiesta Island.

Putting a road through this area or disrupting it at all would take the beauty, safety and overall comfort away.

I SUPPORT OPTION B !!!!!!!

Tara Harris

From: [Sami Goldberg](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:10:58 PM

Option B

From: [Celena Martinez](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 2:17:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

As a proud San Diegan, I am honored and proud to live so closely to Fiesta Island's Off Leash area! I currently reside in Bay Park in a 1-bedroom apartment with my two emotional support animals. Both animals are dogs of medium and large size. Fiesta Island's Off Leash Dog Park, allows for me and my dogs to exercise and spend time out doors everyday. As dog-friendly as San Diego is, there are so few spaces were dogs can gather and enjoy the great outdoors off leash. The off-leash area aids with my depression and quality of relationship with my pups. If the area were to be cut in half by the proposed Option A; my life and my ESAs' lives would be greatly impacted. The bay view, ocean view, and the flat area provide amply opportunity for us to effectively exercise.

I strongly endorse Option B; which allows myself and many other to continue to enjoy the park as a whole. One improvement I would suggest for the park would be for more mowing to occur throughout the year. My medium size spaniel loves the flat land but when the foxtails grow abundantly he often gets them embedded in his eyes. With the foxtails being so dry they blend in with his beige color; causing it difficult to find. The poor thing had an ear infection due to unresolved foxtails in his ears.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate you working so hard to keep our community great and striving for all beings and four-legged creatures!

Respectfully,

Celena Martinez, M.S.

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From: [Liz Berman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:38:48 PM

To whom it may concern,

As San Diego residents we are lucky enough to have Fiesta Island as our "Getaway" on a weekly basis. Fiesta Island allows my family to take our dogs off leash, and not only enjoy the shoreline but learn about the different wild life and ecosystems. Preserving these shorelines is SO important for education and the ability to teach future generations about the different ecosystems that our shorelines offer.

My family has the ability to see all different kinds of environmental levels, from the shells on the beach - to the wild flowers blooming - and the nests that are being built by the local wildlife..... The size of Fiesta Island is crucial to maintaining all of these different areas.

Being able to bond with our dogs, family, and friends at Fiesta Island has proven to be magical and will be etched into our memories forever.

Please support Option B in keeping Fiesta Island intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area so that we can continue to preserve, learn, and relish in this sacred space!

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From: [DALLAS BROWN](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:30:34 PM

I'm writing to express my strong support for Option B, keeping and enhancing the off leash dog park at Fiesta Island. I use the park regularly, at least 3 times a month. Every time I am there with friends we discuss what a special thing it is to have a space like Fiesta Island and how it's one of our favorite things about San Diego.

San Diego is recognized in the country as a leading dog friendly city, which is a huge draw for many people, especially millennials, when deciding where to live. Having a park like Fiesta Island right in the middle of the city, with a view to the skyline in all directions is the most amazing opportunity to appreciate the city we are lucky enough to call home.

Please move to ensure that this space remains for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Thank you,
Dallas Brown

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

From: [Mad4Tahoe B](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:49:59 PM

To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing requesting you select Option B which would keep the Fiesta Island Dog Park area intact and also increase the fenced off leash area.

My husband and I frequently visit the park with our 4 dogs. Our dogs love access to the shoreline, running in the water and the long walks in the sand. We love taking them to the area knowing they are safe from traffic and road activity. Our littlest Shih-tzu, Ella, looks out the window as we are driving around Fiesta Island towards the dog park expressing her pleasure that we are going to "her" beach.

The importance of safe play with limited access to fox tails, unnecessary noise and traffic is important in providing our dogs play and exercise time.

Please select Option B.

Thank you,

Maggie Bausola
PO Box 16854
San Diego, CA. 92176

From: [Deborah Malcarne](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - Option B, please!
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:59:38 PM

I just came back from a lovely long walk all around the Fiesta Island Dog Park. Fiesta Island and its Dog Park are treasures of the City, and the last thing we need is another road on Fiesta Island—especially when it would affect the Dog Park. I absolutely DO NOT support Option A, and urge you to VOTE FOR Option B, please.

We do not need another road on Fiesta Island, and I urge that any such infrastructure dollars considered for doing that be instead used to repair some of the potholes around the city! An additional road would increase noise, decrease open space, and carve up the island further in a way that ultimately will decrease its unique feeling. When I take visitors to San Diego to Fiesta Island, they are inevitably amazed by its remarkable nature and the feel of 'getting away from it all.' And when they visit again, there is often the request of "Let's go to the (Fiesta Island) Dog Park!"

I frequently visit Fiesta Island Dog Park, and the dog absolutely loves it. It's a joy to be able to so safely have her run about unimpeded by fears of traffic and vehicles. It is almost impossible to be in a bad mood when you are at Fiesta Island Dog Park! I believe the dog park gave up part of its land a number of years ago, and would hate for any further diminishment of this incredible resource. Living in Pacific Beach, we theoretically have a dog park—but it is so small that the 'large dog' portion of it quickly became a highly impacted area of sand mixed with urine, and most people now avoid going there. I went there regularly when it was first built, but unfortunately no longer see it as a healthy place to bring the dog. Fiesta Island Dog Park, in contrast, has the size and layout to allow it to handle the needs of many, many dogs (and people) and remain a clean and healthy place to go.

I would like to see more regular mowing on Fiesta Island to help control the foxtails and burrs, as they are an issue. I know that there are regular volunteer efforts to clean the park, and try to do my part by always picking up more waste than my dog leaves.

And while I have focused on the dog's needs in this letter, it's also important to mention the effect on people's health. Fiesta Island Dog Park is a wonderful way for me to take a healthy hike in a happy place, with great entertainment value (just watching the dogs and people is endlessly entertaining)—not to mention the delight of being by the water! Fiesta Island is a place to relax and enjoy. And the occasional traffic jam is no big deal—yesterday I was there when a beach soccer game had going on so ended up stuck in some traffic for a few minutes on my way in and on my way out, but so what! There is always a wonderful view and sea air, and we need to ensure this treasure is not diminished.

I hope you will work to maintain the current precious fenced off-leash Dog Park, and recognize that Fiesta Island does not need any more roads built for it to remain a wonderful resource to San Diego residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Debbie Malcarne
Resident of Pacific Beach (92109) since 1993

From: [wmz4010a](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:20:35 PM

I support option B to keep Fiesta Island Dig park as is.
Bill ZONDORAK
6192610687

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Ian Bonewitz](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:47:25 PM

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please find this letter in support of adopting Option B for the Fiesta Island land.

Over the last fifteen years I have used and continue to use Fiesta Island dog park as a place to bring my dogs. It is a wonderful asset to the city of San Diego and recently voted best dog park in the country (<http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-dog-park/>).

Changing the park and its uses would remove a incredible resource used and enjoyed by a tremendous number of people on a daily basis.

Sincerely,
Ian Bonewitz

From: [Tyler Wallace](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:49:39 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Dear Rebecca Malone,

I took my dog out to Fiesta Island today and talked to some of the FIDO supporters of Option B. I would suggest a compromise between Option A & B where the boat storage and other amenities remain as shown in Option A, but remove the adjacent parking. The access road could then be used only for equipment loading, and be placed on a low impact "haha" type wall like the one below. (I would also suggest natural materials or permeable pavers, and not asphalt for this access road).

If the parking does need to remain, perhaps this concept could still be used so that crossings are at controlled locations, but the overall feeling is not hyper regulated and still feels open and natural.



Thank you,
Tyler

Tyler F. Wallace | AIA, LEED AP
Principal



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From: [gladyuy86](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:17:54 PM

Hello,

My name is Glady Uy, and I would like to comment on the whole master plan update of Fiesta Island. I would like to vote against doing any kind of construction or shortening of the off leash dog park on Fiesta Island, and wish for it to remain as is.

I am from Las Vegas, and came to visit San Diego about a week ago. I decided to take my dog Iris to this Fiesta Island dog beach, where I heard from close friends, that it is "like a dog paradise". I took my dog there for the first time, and we immediately fell in love with the place. We were there for two days, and I enjoyed watching every dog there have the time of their lives. I posted photos online, of her playing and running freely at the dog park/beach, and started telling everyone I know with a dog, about Fiesta Island dog beach aka: "dog paradise". I plan to visit San Diego more often, just so that I can continue bringing my dog Iris to Fiesta Island and watch her have a blast.

I would like to contribute in any way possible, to help with maintaining this place the way it is. For the sake of my dog, and other future dogs out there whom have yet to experience Fiesta Island.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Glady uy

From: [Karen Riggs-Saberton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:12:58 PM

Dear Planning Commission

Please support Option B for the Fiesta Island dog-park area.

I cannot express how valuable the size of this area has been to me. The three mile walk has been everything in my weight loss effort. A few years ago now I had to not go on a family vacation, as I could not have physically done the planned activities. And I swore that would never happen again. I started walking with my shepherd/great dane mix, forcing myself to do the full 3 mile circuit of the Fiesta Island Dog Park. At first it was hard. I'd never pushed myself on our neighborhood walks. But eventually it started to get easier. I don't know how many times I would have "quit at a mile ..." except it was still another mile to get back to the car! And eventually I added climbing the hills. And walking the full beach periphery - which can be longer at low tide. I have gone from 250 lb when I started to 190 lbs. now. And this winter I went on a two week trip to England with my family and I not only did it - with miles of walking and a 5th floor walk-up apartment involved - but I *planned* the whole trip! I cannot overstate what the 3-mile distance of the "walk the full perimeter" at Fiesta Island Dog Park has meant to me.

I adore the Fiesta Island Dog Park. Just to let you know what else it means to me:

- It has let me get away from the sound of cars, and most of the sound of the city, and relax. It is almost the only place here by the beach where this can be done. I have some health issues, and this quite, the relaxation the size of the area makes possible, has a wonderful positive effect on my mental wellness for days. Sometimes I take my book out under the tree and read, just to be quiet for a while. It is the size of the park, the ability to get away from the cars, that makes this possible.
- Simply the size of the park keeps it cooler on hot days. Like many near the bay, we don't have air-conditioning. Sometimes my husband and I just hang out there in the summer, always in the dog park area, the large expanse of unpaved area and the breeze that blows through can make an otherwise miserably hot day almost pleasant. My husband has health issues too, it is important for us to have a cool location on the hottest days.
- "Come walk Fiesta Island with me and my dogs" is a great social invitation! The 3-mile, flat periphery makes it the perfect "come join me!" place. I've talked many, many guests into "coming to walk my dogs with me". During most days, and all of the summer, there is no other place near we could go for this: the only other cool-enough "hike for my friends" and my dogs both - the only other walking place that aren't scorching hot that allows dogs - would be Balboa Park, but parking there in the summer almost impossible. The other places are beachfront - I might get people to go, maybe, but it is my dogs that are the "come on". ! all I hosted many a fun walk with my mom, in particular, when she visits to "walk the dogs" (ha ha!) around the circle of Fiesta Island Dog Park.

Mental health and physical health and a wonderful social side-benefit are my votes for why the open, quiet, cool, 3-mile walk that is the "Walk the Periphery" of the Fiesta Island Dog

Park should be kept, my reason I ask you here to support Option B when re-planning Fiesta Island.

Regards,

Karen Riggs-Saberton
1804 Garnet Ave #401
San Diego, CA 92109

"DON'T PANIC" in large, friendly letters - Douglas Adams, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

From: [Patty Feng](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:54:19 PM

Many regional, state, national parks only allow dogs on a leash, or no dogs at all. Fiesta Island is one of the very few parks that our dogs can roam around freely and happily all-year round. Please do not take this away from us.

We support FIDO and Option B. Thank you!

~ A San Diego family from Zip Code 92128

From: [Judy Alden](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 8:30:54 AM

Thank you for reading this—I want to be sure to join the thousands of dog owners who support Plan B for Fiesta Island. It is such an important part of raising a healthy, happy dog to have a place where they can run free. My wee dog who isn't very excited about lease-walks loves to run run run at Fiesta Island Dog Park.

Be Joyful, Judy

From: [Travel2oz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:44:44 PM

Dear City Planners

I have lived in Mission Valley for 30 years. I am a huge supporter of Option B for Fiesta Island. I take my dog there 5-7 times per week, and it is an incredible walking area for both of us. Having an expansive off-leash natural area in San Diego is highly desirable. Whenever friends visit, I take them to Fiesta Island. They are so envious of the room my dog has to roam, play and run. It's also beneficial to me with the space to really walk, run and enjoy the bay. During the summer and weekends, my two boys, 11 and 9 join me. They play in the water with our dog and we spend quality family time together.

Please adopt Option B. We LOVE Fiesta Island.

Nancy Barnes

San Diego 92111

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mike Moran](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:24:54 PM

I would like to voice my opinion on the Fiesta Island issue.

I am a San Diego County resident of 58 years. I have been using Fiesta Island for probably 40 of those.

I am in support of Option B which would keep the current off leash dog park.

To cut this area with further development would be a mistake. This area has been used for decades by dog owners. We, the owners do a lot to keep this area nice. We pick up after our dogs and pick up all our own trash. At 60 years of age, this is the best place for me to walk my dog as I get 3-5 miles in on a walk.

Endangered bird species use this area as a breeding/ nesting area.

To do development on this parcel would be expensive with no real fiscal return. Piping in running water will attract homeless to populate the area which will only bring crime and increase the need for police intervention which is costly and puts more work on an already over worked police force.

I strongly urge Option B.

Mike Moran
7879 Rancho Fanita Dr
Santee, Ca 92071

From: [John Lorah](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@FIDOSD.org"](mailto:info@FIDOSD.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 2:25:18 PM

Hello,

I support Option B to save Fiesta Island for unleashed animals. Fiesta Island means a lot to me and my family and my dog. It is an amazing place and a true San Diego landmark. This is why my family and I support Option B.

Thanks,

John Lorah

From: [Debbie Strickland](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; debbiestrickland88@hotmail.com
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 2:13:52 PM

I support Option B for the unleased park for animals and humans. There needs to be open land for the good of the people and animals to be free and bond and no amount of money can take the place of that. The City has more than enough land to develop for the pocket book and to leave some land in its natural state for the good of the people and unleased animals. Please do not change what is good for the environment as in less traffic, pollution, noise, air quality. And most of all freedom for the unleased dogs. We have already encroached to much of open land.

Thank you , Debbie Strickland

From: [Debbie Lou](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:19:21 PM

Hello,

I am writing to support Option B for the Mission Bay plan update- to keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area.

I am a regular user of the Fiesta island off-leash area, including attending a group dog training class held by Chris Moredock three Saturdays every month. Mission Bay Shoreline and Fiesta Island are both very popular off leash areas for dogs, and it is critical to preserve as much open space allowing off leash exercise of dogs, as experts agree that a "tired dog is a good dog." Dogs that have places to burn off energy serves the entire citizenry regardless of if you are a dog owner/lover or not, because the more that dogs are tired out, the less likely they are to pose a nuisance to neighbors with barking or other problem behaviors.

Thank you,
Debbie Lou

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Debbie
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San Diego, CA 92126

From: [Cristy Roiz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 12:49:00 PM

to whom it may concern,

please keep fiesta island for people and dogs!! I am at this dog park running and walking with my dogs off leash for 9 years now. We are there almost everyday.

PLEASE SAVE FIESTA ISLAND FOR DOGS AND PEOPLE!!!!

From: [Kyle Bowman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:11:26 PM

I support Option B.

I take my dog there almost every morning and we both enjoy the undisturbed wide open spaces.

My zipcode is 92103.

From: [megan.roberts](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 11:00:48 AM

I am writing in hopes of saving this dog park. This community has done so much good for so many people in different ways and it would be such a shame to see anything happen to it. My family and I come here Every Saturday to exercise and give our dog the space he needs to run around and socialize with other dogs. We attend the dog class that is held here and it has done wonders for all the pets and their owners. It is important for everyone who routinely gets their exercise there as well as the people who come with their dogs. There really is no other place like it for us and we all would really hate to see anything to happen to it. For this reason I urge you to please follow through with OPTION B in regards to the fiesta island amendment. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,
Megan Roberts

From: [Carole Kovacevic](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:11:00 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I was very disturbed and upset to hear that there are possible plans to change our wonderful off-leash dog area at Fiesta Island. My husband and I have been making the journey from the back country of Jamul at least once a week for several years in order to give ourselves and our dogs a time to run free without the worry of traffic and the crush of people. We feel very fortunate to have such a large fenced area to exercise our dogs in safety. It is an amazingly unique addition to the recreational resources of San Diego.

I therefore appeal to you to adopt Option B in order to keep our beloved Fiesta Island off-leash area as is without changes so that generations of dogs and their owners can enjoy this freedom for years to come. Please do not change this San Diego gem!

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
C. Kovacevic
Zip code: 91935

From: [Kristen Luke](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:10:12 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to support adopting Option B Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment. For over 12 years I've been taking my 25 lb rescue dog to the park. Two years ago I adopted a black lab puppy and have been taking him to the park as well. It is one of the few places that both my senior dog and young pup can both enjoy themselves at the same time.

I use Fiesta Island for other purposes as well including bike riding, swimming, and kayaking so I understand the appeal of shrinking the dog park to accommodate other uses. That being said, there are plenty of other options for swimming, riding, and kayaking in the city but there are very few places to take dogs off leash. The Fiesta Island dog park is a special place that I have enjoyed for over a decade. I believe Option B is the better choice for continuing to serve the city's dogs and their owners.

Best regards,
Kristen Luke
4432 Mayapan Dr., La Mesa, CA 91941

San Diego City Business Owner
San Diego City Property Owner

From: [Lisa Gale](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 9:24:10 AM

To whom it may concern,

Fiesta island is an asset to San Diego area dog and horse owners, it would be a shame to develop the area. Fiesta island is the only beach area that both horses and dogs can use together. We are regulars at Fiesta island with our 4 horses and 8 dogs. The island is one of our favorite places to ride, I can't imagine San Diego with out it. The island as a whole is a wonderful place for all recreational activities and how wonderful it is to have a leash free beach where people from all walks of life can interact with horses and dogs. There has been many times when city kids who have never seen a horse have stopped me to pet my horse and engage in conversation. It's a wonderful place to meet fellow Community members and enjoy the gorgeous San Diego weather. Please don't take this park away from the community! Leave it pristine as a park for animal owners and citizens to enjoy.

Thank you, Lisa Gale

From: High_Shelley@DSS
To: PLN_PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:05:00 PM
Importance: High

Dear Planning Commission,

My understanding of the goal for this area is to *"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement"*. I strongly support Option B. Continuing this area and possibly even enlarging it, meets this goal. Any water used by the off leash pets is provided by their owners/walkers, there is little or no economic impact with the exception of occasional mowing the Foxtails in the grassy area. The area is already dredged for seaweed removal due to the recreational use of the area and adding the small beach area utilized by our pets adds a minimal amount of time to the existing routine maintenance for the area. Keeping this area intact respects long term existing uses of the island and reduces environmental impact as it keeps this area status quo, rather than adding a hotel, restaurant, or amusement park. that uses mega resources and has the potential to create mega pollution.

My primary use of Fiesta Island is the use of the dog beach that is part of the Fiesta Island off leash area. It provides an opportunity for relaxation and exercise for both my pet(s) and I and the fact that there is adjacent parking is a real advantage for we pet owners who suffer some kind of disability. It is the only easily accessible off leash beach area in our County. It is a long walk from the parking lot (if you can park) at OB Dog Beach. Coronado has the same lack of adjacent parking and an extremely long walk to the off leash area. Delmar Dog Beach is not year round use, a fairly long walk from the sidewalk to the water and again the parking is difficult to find. Please don't take away the one off leash area adjacent to the beach from the 100's of people who utilize it who are disabled as well as those that utilize it and are not disabled.

Please keep this area intact and disabled accessible.

Thank you.

Shelley High
5566 Mt. Acara Drive
San Diego, CA 92111
(619) 807-0166

From: [Wendy Mihalic](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: nfo@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 7:39:21 AM

To Whom It May Concern

I strongly support OPTION B to keep the Fiesta Island dog beach intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. I have lived in San Diego almost 40 years. My family has had three dogs during that time and we have used all the off-leash dog parks and beaches in San Diego county. The Fiesta Island dog beach is BY FAR the best for overall safety and enjoyment for pets and people. The combination of coastline and inland field make it ideal for all sorts of dog recreation.

We live in La Mesa and make it a point to take our current dog to Fiesta once a week. We walk the entire coast line and wind down (and dry off!) on the inland path to the car park. Please don't diminish this one-of-a kind resource.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Mihalic and George Jiracek
La Mesa, CA 91941

From: [Steve Stults](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 6:06:03 PM

I am a 55 year resident of San Diego County, presently living in Carlsbad.

I am writing to support "Option B" for Fiesta Island. I take my dog to the off-leash portion of Fiesta Island on average twice a week, even though it is a long commute from Carlsbad. It is the only area anywhere around where dogs can go off-leash over a relatively vast, open area and also access water. It is extensively used by residents from all over the county (with myself as a prime example).

I urge support for protecting as much off-leash dog access as possible in the final plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Steve Stults
5199 Los Robles Drive
Carsbad, CA 92008

From: [Matthew Doran](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:02:27 PM

City Planning Board:

As someone involved in community organizations and serving on boards subject to public input, I understand the pressures set upon you. I realize the city needs to raise money. I do not, however, believe the city's plan for Fiesta Island, as it currently stands, is in the best interest of the community.

My wife and I bring our dog there almost nightly from our home in Mission Hills (92103). The community of local dog owners runs deep. Razing the island will raze the community as well.

I urge you to consider a revised plan that accounts for environmental and community impact. Work in concert with those on the FIDO board to draft a plan that keeps in tact the community and benefits of the existing land while offering more to the community and revenue-generating opportunities.

I would be more than happy to discuss my thoughts in greater detail. I urge you to consider a new plan.

-Matthew and Kelly Doran

From: [Pat Moran](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:46:44 PM

Dear Sirs,

While I do not personally use this particular dog park, because I live too far away, I am a long time resident of San Diego count resident, and have a family member who uses the park frequently.

I believe that all the users of the dog park would like to see it remain as it is and would all support Option B. "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island" The best option to accomplish this is Option B.

Please approve Option B!

Download my custom app to your phone to search for homes throughout Southern California, simply **text pmoran to 760-904-0400**

Best wishes,

Pat



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From: [Laurenne Douglas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:57:29 PM

To whom It May Concern,

My name is Laurenne Douglas and I am a resident of 92037.

I strongly support **Adopting Option B!**

I have used Fiesta Island Dog Park with all 4 four of my golden retrievers since at least 1996. It is, in my experience, the largest, most accessible off-leash area that I have encountered in all of California. This area has allowed me to fully train my dogs to follow, heel, and recall in a safe area. The joy of swimming and walking along this shoreline with the dogs off-leash is one everyone should have access to!

PLEASE, Leave our Fiesta Dog Paradise intact! Please do not divide it with roads, fences or any other construction.

Feeling Strongly about this,
Laurenne Douglas

From: [Claire Goldenberg](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 4:09:22 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to show my support of OPTION B for the Fiesta Island Off-Leash Dog Area. Quoting from the Public Notice: "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement". I support FIDO and believe that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. The City should analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

We frequent the off-leash area on Fiesta island almost every weekend and believe that it is a very important to keep in tact. When our dog had elbow surgery it was in the off-leash area of Fiesta island where she was safely able to swim and rehab her injury. We could not have found this anywhere else. We have enjoyed many afternoons and weekends going on walks through this area and it's so important to us that it not be divided by roads, fences or an amphitheater. Everywhere you look, San Diego is being developed. The Fiesta Island off-leash area is one of a kind and deserves to be protected for years of enjoyment to come.

Thank you,
Claire Oberland

From: [Ryan Huckabone](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:57:04 PM

Good afternoon,

I wanted to write in regarding the plans I'm hearing about to develop parts of Fiesta Island. I have spent a significant amount of time on Fiesta Island throughout my life. I have spent many afternoons swimming, fishing, boating and playing with my family along the shores of Fiesta Island. I have played in over 50 over-the-line tournaments on Fiesta Island. My dogs must love Fiesta Island more than I do. Every time I take them to the off-leash dog park, they begin barking the minute I turn my car onto the island! My kids learned to drive on Fiesta Island.

To hear the city is considering developing Fiesta Island is a sad thing to me. That island is one of the last "raw" pieces of land left in the city. Granted, the island requires upkeep and maintenance as it now sits, but developing it with grass, paved parking lots and public facilities will only drive the maintenance costs way up. That's money the city doesn't have.

I would certainly support the city's efforts to keep Fiesta Island clean and accessible to the public, but I do not support any plans to develop it further. It appears option B would be the better of the two being presented, but if there is an option C for doing nothing, that is my vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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I vote for Option B

Please keep Fiesta Island dog beach the way it is

I am moderately fluent in typo :)

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To whom it may concern,

I currently live in the Bay Park area (92110) and would like to see the city to analyze Option B, that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash areas for dogs.

For the past year, I have enjoyed the large enclosed area on Fiesta Island (at least once a week) to allow my dog to run off leash and get socialization. This area is truly unique because it allows people to not only enjoy the outdoors and get a great view of San Diego, but it also allows both small and large breeds to get exercise in such a large area as well.

Whenever I have visitors or family in town I bring them to this dog park so they can enjoy a good walk, get some fresh air, and appreciate how special the Fiesta Island dog park is.

If a road and amphitheater are built, it would reduce the size of such a special place that hosts people, dogs and migratory birds.

Please consider adopting Option B.

Thank you,

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
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I am very much in support of maintaining Fiesta Island as it is for off leash use. I visit an Diego often, and love this park area.

In a busy megalopolis, Fiesta Island is a respite from the hustle and bustle, the traffic, the crowds, the noise, and everything that goes on in a big city like San Diego. Dogs and HUMANS benefit from the fresh bay breezes, the exercise, the friends they meet, and the pure beauty of the area.

Dogs and humans need the park to remain as is. It benefits the individual, the dog, and the community in general.

Regards,

Karen Kellogg
Zip Code 97068

From: [Jenny Y](#)
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Cc: [Fidosd Info](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
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I am writing to convey my support for "Option B," which would allow the off leash dog park portion of Fiesta Island to remain intact. My husband and I take our dog, Riley, to Fiesta Island most weekends. We live in Rancho Penasquitos and there are several off leash dog park options closer to us, but we go the extra distance to take her to Fiesta Island because it is superior to the smaller dog parks not only in size but in atmosphere. Riley really enjoys running in and out of the water and playing with all the other dogs. Access to the shoreline makes Fiesta Island a comfortable and safe option even in the summer since it allows both our dog and us a way to cool down. We prefer it to the dog beaches in San Diego because access to the road is mostly fenced and we therefore worry less about cars. The size and continuity of the park is also important to us because both my husband and I are runners and the off leash dog area allows us to comfortably run with Riley. Even at its current size, we sometimes do two or three loops of the park. If it were much smaller it would be less practical as a way of running with our dog. We hope that the off leash dog area can remain intact as we love it and use it frequently!

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on this matter.

Jennifer Seltenright

From: [Brian Hammond](#)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:51:28 PM

We are Brian and Anita Hammond, our home address is 9551 Compass Point Drive South, San Diego, CA 92126.

I am writing to make our feelings known on the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment.

My wife and I regularly use the dog park on Fiesta Island to walk our 2 Siberian Huskies. There are so few leash-free areas in San Diego to walk our dogs that Fiesta Island is very important to us. Our dogs require a lot of room and need to exercise regularly. They enjoy the interaction with other dogs and swimming in the bay. These dogs are as important to us as our four grown children and we consider them members of our family.

I would like to see you reach out to the people who use the Fiesta Island dog park for input into any development that you may be considering. As tax paying residents of San Diego we, and other dog owners, enjoy this beautiful location to interact with other dogs and dog owners, and to enjoy our city. Removing or reducing this area would be catastrophic for us and our dogs.

Please consider our enjoyment of the area as you consider any kind of development. We strongly support Option B or any other option that retains the park as it is today.

Brian and Anita Hammond
Luke and Chewy



Sent from my iPad Pro

From: ferrara.jami@gmail.com on behalf of [jami.ferrara](#)
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Please adopt Option B.

I am a regular user of the off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island and think it should remain intact and accessible. It is such a benefit to our community to have this space available to San Diegans and our dogs. Patrons of the off-leash area are respectful of the park, pick up after their dogs and experience such joy being there. Please do not take it away.

Jami Ferrara
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From: [Hanh Doan Morgan](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 7:56:07 AM

Fiesta Island dog park is the best dog park in the world. Please don't sell it to big businesses.
Thank you.

From: [Nicholas Moorby](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:39:57 PM

Dear Sir/Madame

I am writing to you to indicate my strong support for Option B with regards to the proposed plans for Fiesta Island.

My wife and I visit Fiesta Island, along with our dog and are grateful and respectful for the ability to use the open space so that our dog can run and exercise in relative freedom and safety.

To build a road, or include more fencing, or an amphitheater would seriously impair that freedom, safety and open space; not just aesthetically, but from an environmental perspective. It would also hamper peoples ability (and their dogs) to enjoy what is one of the most fantastic parts about living in this great area.

I have noticed that dogs are a very important part of San Diego and people's lives. Whilst I appreciate that some people are not fans of dogs I hope that they would agree having one area such as Fiesta benefits us all.

You will see from our address (posted below) that we don't live THAT close to Fiesta, but I can assure we travel there and enjoy the park and island at least once a week. It's a fantastic place to meet other people, enjoy the (relatively) undisturbed natural beauty and ultimately for our dog to have lots of exercise and enjoyment.

I would quietly implore you to consider mine, and others comments and advice with regards to implementing Option B.

We love Fiesta Island and hope that it can stay the way it is.

Hyperbole aside, but if plans do go ahead to build on the island, restrict the area, impair the quality and opportunities for us to enjoy the island, then I think that would be a very sad day for our community - not just dog lovers either.

I appreciate your time in reading these comments and hope you will make the right, informed decision.

Best wishes
Nick

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 6:19:07 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of San Diego, and I'm writing in support of FIDO's Option B plan for Fiesta Island.

My dogs and I go to Fiesta Island at least once a week and have gone for the past 5 years. This is not only my dog's favorite place, it is my favorite place! I walk the trail in full 1 or 2 times, which is great exercise. Not only is it good for my cardiovascular health, it's a calming, open space filled with happy dogs - great for mental health as well. It really makes a difference in my life, as I know it does so many others. The alternative is dog beach at Ocean Beach, but it's packed and parking is near impossible some days.

I never have to worry about that at Fiesta Island, it truly is one of the few spots for locals - that's not overrun by tourists.

It's spaces like this that I love about San Diego and why I moved here 10 years ago from DC and I feel that Option A would provide less air quality and increase traffic if the environmental impact is the concern.

Please go with Option B!

Aron Laney
92124

From: [JJ Mokiao](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:31:42 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

With regard to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment, please support Option B, thereby allowing the off-leash dog park to remain intact. This dog park is unique and a national treasure to San Diegans and all dog owners.

We personally visit the park several times a week, and each time we meet residents from all over the county who regularly visit as well. I believe that this park is visited by thousands each week.

Additionally, we continually meet visitors to our city who always express their delight and awe in our cities' vision for having such visionary plan. There is not another fenced, off-leash dog park like this in the city, nor the country!

“Option B” supports a parking area that will not extend as far, and will provide for a view pavilion and view plaza; picnic tables; running trail; maintenance/emergency trail; native, least tern and eel grass habitat areas; and dog off-leash non-native vegetation play areas, for a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within this southwest area. Except for this southwest area of the Island, all other recreation and design aspects of the island would be identical between the two options.

Thank you for supporting Option B.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Mokiao

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:31:09 PM

Hi,

I am writing to support the adoption of Option B in the future development of Fiesta Island. I own a German Shorthaired Pointer, Rigby, and the wide open space of the dog park at Fiesta Island is really the only place in San Diego where he can REALLY RUN!

We used to live in Mira Mesa and went to Fiesta every weekend (sometimes both Sat and Sun). Currently live in San Marcos and still head to Fiesta at least once a month because there's nowhere else like it! Let's keep open space, open.

Best,

Aaron Donner

From: [Carolyn Chase](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
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Thank you for consideration of these comments.

The Recreation Element of the City of San Diego's General Plan begins with the following:

“Park improvement is among the most important of the undertakings now before the City. It should have the cordial cooperation of all.”

San Diego Union editorial on the City Park System, July 6, 1910

Purpose

To preserve, protect, acquire, develop, operate, maintain, and enhance public recreation opportunities and facilities throughout the City for all users.

With this spirit, I applaud the project to update the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and urge you to consider the entire park possibilities and issues and not just those on Fiesta Island, as they are connected in every way, except perhaps our human need to divvy things up for planning purposes. Let us never allow the limits of any specific planning area to divorce us from connecting issues and solutions in the rest of the park.

1. I would very much like to understand the impacts of the proposed Option B grading down the current cap/berm system in order to create a proposed "off-leash swimming beach" with a road to it. In the early years of this plan update, I saw a draft grading plan for the area but could not find out the details associated with it, i.e. how much material would be removed and to where. As I understand it, historically, the dredgings that form Fiesta Island, under the cap and berm system, were stopped from being dumped in the ocean. Will analysis of what's under there be done through testing during the environmental review? Option A leaves the existing berm system in place except for potential changes needed to improve the berm and access to and from the existing tidal beaches.

2. How can a maintenance plan to minimize foxtails inside the dog park be established and undertaken? It is imperative that the area be managed as a dog park for either Option A or B and that means planning to change the landscape to manage for eradication of foxtails and then management to minimize them through

a program of weeding and mowing. Projects to undertake this should be considered in the environmental review so that projects to change and manage the landscape, as a natural landscape minimizing foxtail seeds from propagating can take place after adoption. This could entail initially scraping down the areas with foxtails and then replacing and replanting with native shrubs. Ongoing mowing and appropriate times (prior to the foxtail seeds themselves forming and to stop propagation) and weeding as required needs to be allowed.

3. How much sand would have to be imported and from where to create the proposed beach, at what cost and how would it be retained there? Wouldn't it just wash away over time?

4. Would there be additional significant impacts associated with moving the proposed boating facilities in Option A out of the dog park elsewhere on Fiesta Island? Could the EIR discuss other ways to address the proposed paddler locations such as at South Shores or elsewhere on Fiesta Island such as across from South Shores along the South Pacific Passage?

5. The Mission Bay Master Plan includes this statement: *“As an open landscape, Fiesta Island should be the place where city residents and visitors alike find the ultimate refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter.”*

Planning to add an unknown number of new large Special Events degrades the ability for anyone to find Fiesta Island as a refuge from anything if more and more weekends are finding the island closed for Special Events. What are current numbers of daylight hours Fiesta Island is closed for access due the Special Events? What are the impacts to losing access to our “refuge from urban congestion” by adding too many additional Special Events? What is the significance threshold for this? Isn't this a Significant Land Use and Planning Impact? The loss of access needs to be understood and quantified.

6. What are the impacts and costs for Public Sevice including ongoing public safety impacts of adding restrooms as proposed in Optioin A? Yes it's convenient, but it's also expensive and creates other problems. There are already issues with 'urban campers' on Fiesta Island. Adding restrooms would add to that.

7. What is the current water quality in the channel where Sea World operates and where Option A proposes a new swimming beach? What are their discharges like? How often are they tested? What kinds of fecal matter from what species are in the channel now, by percentage? Other pollutants and sources?

8. Do least terns use the fenced area setaside for them in the SW corner of Fiesta Island? How many over the past few years have nested there? How many

successfully?

Is there difference between the species in that area and the species inside the fenced area? What kinds of snakes and other creatures live there now? I've seen pictures of snakes and I've seen rabbits myself. Option A would be more detrimental to the habitat for both direct and indirect impacts.

9, I noted in the NOP the description of Option B as including "picnic tables" and want to clarify that this was only meant to refer to existing meet-up tables that have been placed there by volunteers and not to be a "picnic" area. Picnic areas are not advisable in the dog park and FIDO does not propose them.

10. What would be the size of and the cost for the proposed "Special Event Hillside Amphitheater" in Option A. I have not been able to find anything about it's size or why it's proposed there when there is already a amphitheater in the South Shores Plan nearby and it has also been brought up for the De Anza Area. What is the planning rational and need for this facility in Fiesta Island or De Anza when it's been in the South Shores plans for decades?

11. With respect to the Planning Policies and the proposed Update

11a. General Plan Recreation Element Policy states:

RE-A.7. Establish a policy for park design and development which encourages the use of sustainable methods and techniques to address water and energy conservation, green buildings, low maintenance plantings and local environmental conditions, such as soil and climate (see also Conservation Element, Section A).

and especially:

RE-B.4. In planning, with respect to existing parks, give consideration to preserving the existing uses.

Off-leash dog use was established by ordinance on Fiesta Island and at OB Dog Beach in 1972 when dogs were banned on other City beaches. This Plan Update proposes to significantly reduce off-leash dog use and as some kind of trade-off, retain this usage behind the fenced area, mostly. But the mostly is a pretty big deal, because the introduction of a public road through the existing space in Option A - and related fencing and gates, intrude unacceptably to thousands of daily users and diminishes what is unique about this open space - it's connected openness and intact size and circumference.

In reviewing the entire Recreation Element, there is no policy that requires or even mentions paving new roads into existing open space as is proposed in

Option A.

The rationale for this road at the beginning of this planning process in 2006 was that there was a road planned there in the previous plan (circa 1994 and this section probably earlier than that), so we're going to put a road there in this new Plan. But I can find no justification for adding this road from a new planning perspective based on policies and the smart growth approaches of the current General Plan. Not in the Mobility Element, nor any other. Rather, "walkability" is a priority for "smart growth" in other General Plan Elements. In meeting with Coastal Commission staff to inquire directly about any requirement to put a road through to any beach in California, the answer is, generally no. You can plan them or not plan them based on other requirements. So whether or not the Option A road goes into the Plan is a choice, not a requirement and appears is inconsistent with other policies.

Adding a road through that open space in Option A is not justified from a usage, environmental or a cost basis. I attended a meeting with Coastal Commission staff in the earlier years of this planning project. A Dragon Boat paddler representative and I met together with CC staff to discuss our views of the Plan. It was their position that we should work out our differences. The specific conflict is the road. Users with dogs do not want the area divided and are supporting reducing access on the rest of Fiesta Island. I inquired to the paddler rep: How often would they really need that road to put-in or take out their boats. His answer, after they get them in there: "about once/year." I remain flabbergasted that this road was being demanded for that amount of use, when other underutilized access-points exist.

Another staff person told me that a road was needed in order to get to the proposed beach because "it was too far to take your cooler." I could find no policy related to this, in fact, "smart growth" policies pursue design that supports public health, i.e. how about a beach that people do have to walk to? Coastal Commission staff at the time told me, "there are about 12 miles of underutilized beaches around Mission Bay Park."

In sum their boats are currently stored elsewhere without conflicts and there is plenty of additional available space to add any new boats. From a planning perspective is off-leash use really compatible with boat storage? Dog owners don't mind, but I've heard boat owners say, "I don't want them peeing on my boat." I don't think there is a way to stop dogs peeing on anything that attracts them in the area.

11b. In the Introduction to the current Plan Update on the City's website you find the following:

"The fundamental goal of the Master Plan Update is to identify these new demands and chart a course for the continuing development of the Park which will sustain the diversity and quality of recreation and protect and enhance the Bay's environment for future generations to come."

In reviewing the existing Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update and Design Guidelines, South Shores/Fiesta Island you find the following:

"As a goal... South Shores should be intensively used park area that attracts visitors to a variety of public and commercial recreation venues yielding, in aggregate, a summary view of the park's grand quatic identity. For its par, Fiesta Island should remain essnetially open yest supportive of a diversity of regional-resving public land and low-key, for-profit recreation and natural enhancement functions." (bold and italics in original)

Option B best allows for the combination of the old with the new, i.e. of reducing off-leash access in the rest of the island while preserving the open-space and natural recreation aspect of the remaining fenced area.

At this time, I want to see these principles in the new "smart growth" General Plan applied to this Plan update. The promulgation of policies related to sustainability, xeriscaping and overall natural landscaping are best expressed in Option B.

Finally and most importantly, I do find the policies cited above in the following: the NOP states: "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects the long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use and is economically feasible to implement."

In merely looking at Option A vs Option B, Option B on its face, is less expensive (no bathrooms, road, grading and filling for a new beach, amphitheater, fencing/gates etc), has fewer environmental impacts, and no new water or sewage usage). It also does the most to respect the long-term existing use on Fiesta Island for off-leash dogs established officially by ordinance in 1972 when dogs were banned from other City beaches with the exceptions of OB Dog Beach and Fiesta Island. By reducing the amount of Fiesta Island being used for off-leash use in the Plan Update for the rest of Fiesta Island, it only makes sense to conclude that Option B does the best job of respecting that use while reducing it elsewhere on Fiesta Island.

I am hopeful that the staff, after its analysis, will conclude to recommend that Option B best fits the stated intent.

Carolyn Chase
City of San Diego
Planning Commissioner (2002-2007)

President, Fiesta Island Dog Owners, (FIDO) 2017
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My name is Julia Olson and I have lived in San Diego for over 20 years in the Pacific Beach community at 953 Reed Ave, San Diego, CA 92109. My family regularly took all our dogs to the Fiesta Island off-leash dog area when I was growing up and I have very fond memories of playing outside with my dogs in a beautiful open space.

I now have a dog of my own. I take her to the Fiesta Island off-leash dog area about 4 or 5 times per week. It is a wonderful resource for both me and my dog. I can go for a run, ride my bike, go for a swim, or do exercises on the beach while my dog is free to run around and play with the other dogs. Even if my dog isn't up for a run, I still frequent this area for my own exercise in a beautiful place with happy dogs and people.

Fiesta Island is beautiful and the size of the dog area is one of the most important factors to me. I already do 2 loops around the off-leash area in order to get a long enough run. If the size of this area were to be diminished, I would be a lot less likely to use it for my own exercise and would probably frequent the area less often. Access to the shoreline is extremely important to me. The entire reason I visit Fiesta Island is because it provides the same environment as the beach, but it allows my dogs! Being denied access to the water would be devastating and I would likely greatly reduce my use of Fiesta Island. I do not want this area blocked by additional roads or fences. This would ruin the natural beauty of fiesta island.

The foxtails cause my dog a bit of discomfort as they cause her allergies and also lodge in her fur. It would be more convenient for me if there were less foxtails, but not if it would harm the environment of Fiesta Island. I would be interested in any research about management of the foxtails on Fiesta Island.

Fiesta Island holds strong memories of my childhood and is a place that I still use and cherish. I hope the city will not significantly change the place I love so much simply to profit from it.

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From: [Elise Minda](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I thoroughly enjoy taking my two Catahoula dogs to Fiesta Island Dog Park at least twice per week for exercise and recreation. Fiesta Island Dog Park is extremely unique in San Diego County in that it provides a very large, fenced in space to safely allow off-leash dog exercise. My husband and I have taken our dogs to OB dog beach and Del Mar dog beach, but every time we have been to those off-leash dog areas, we have either witnessed other dogs in fights or had one of our two dogs attacked or almost attacked by another dog. Yet, I have never witnessed any aggressive behavior by off-leash dogs at Fiesta Island Dog Park. My observations have led me to the conclusion that the significantly compact, smaller surface area of those two off-leash dog beaches are the cause for the behaviors I have witnessed. Yet, in contrast, the expanded, large surface area that Fiesta Island Dog Park offers allows the dogs much more space to feel less threatened and free to run and play. There is no other dog park in San Diego County like Fiesta Island dog park for us to safely and legally give our dogs the proper exercise that their breed needs. In addition, it is the one place in San Diego where I can go and still feel like I am "in the great outdoors" as opposed to an overly crowded, urban city, due to the natural look of the space. Therefore, I support Option B. If Option A is selected, it will truly be a shame to see such an unnecessary change occur to this unique space that I currently value as a San Diego resident and beloved dog parent.

Thanks,
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TO: All San Diego City Planning officials and contracted parties

From: Tom Herrington, 2707 Erie Street, San Diego, CA 92117, (619) 723-1833 p

I have been a resident of San Diego, Bay Park area, for over 30 years. I vote in all elections and vote on all issues/initiatives pertaining to both Bay Park and San Diego's short and long term growth. This includes voting for local representatives on everything from local neighborhood groups as well the normal city positions such as City Council and Mayor.

I appreciate the opportunity to have my voice heard in a fair debate as to the best use of resources for our city and it's inhabitants well being. In this spirit I would like to address the planning process for Fiesta Island. My family and I have used the park as our: Gym, meditation area, place to take a walk, picnic and party spot and, most important or us, a place to go and take our pets(dogs in our case) and let them run free with us by their side. Our pets joy brings us great joy as well. We are representative of the thousands of people we have meet in the fenced off-leash area. We all are able to let out a deep relaxing sigh and take a few minutes a day letting ourselves and out pets connect with each other and others in the area.

This "stress reliever" is important to preserve in the heart of the 8th largest city in the US. Many years ago there were other open areas such as vacant lots and canyon trails to enjoy with your animal off leash but over the years these have been developed and leash laws enacted for the good of everyone walking the trails or parks. It is exactly for this reason that I encourage, no insist, that the San Diego Planning group enact "Option B" for the Fiesta Island master plan. It is incumbent upon today's planning leaders to keep the remaining open areas "open" and as undeveloped as possible for the use of pet owners as well as all citizens of San Diego. I see kids walking in the fenced in area with their parents an no dogs...just so a child can get out and get their hands dirty in a wide open area. I could cite many facts about how good pets are for peoples well being or how our city lags behind other "outdoor friendly" cities in our dog parks and open areas but those facts miss the basic point that people in cities just need some room to spread out every now and then.

I trust that my memo has conveyed my feelings as to what Fiesta island's impact has been on my families life but also what impact the possible changes will have. I am happy to elaborate further or give a more detailed description of the impacts.

In closing let me say again, as a long time resident and voter I support "Option B" for the Fiesta Island Master Plan update.

Thank You,
Tom

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To whom it may concern;

Fiesta Island is the gem of San Diego and these changes would be destructive to attracting people to the city.

I use the beach and dog park daily. I exercise there by running, swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, and cycling. I take my dog there every day for a run/swim. A dog park with access to a beach unleashed is extremely important to me and it is literally a reason that I moved to San Diego. In addition, the other area (fields/trails) is equally as important, and having both in one place is the reason I travel to Fiesta Island every day.

I am from North Park, 3749 Grim Ave, 92104, and I travel daily to take advantage of the area. Fiesta Island is the best dog park in the world, and it is one of the city's greatest draws.

Have there been studies to show the impact on traffic that development on Fiesta Island would have on the city? Will there still be the same number of opportunities for the San Diego community to gather, exercise, and enjoy the city's natural resources? What will be the impact on the biodiversity, natural resources, animal life, and water quality? Will endangered species be protected properly (esp. birds)?

Thank you for your consideration.
Jill Novotny

From: [heidi frechette](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:05:46 PM

Hello

I am a property owner, small business owner and dog owner living in San Diego. I have resided in San Diego since 1990.

I visit Fiesta Island off leash dog park 3-4 mornings a week with my dog. One of the benefits of living in San Diego is enjoying a natural habit at the Coastline.

Please support keeping the fenced area and officially designating on City Plans as an off-leash dog park.

The Park allows both humans and dogs to burn excess energy, stay or get healthy, socialize with our neighbors and create a community (of all ages.) The environmental beauty of having "untouched land" is an incredible gem to San Diego. The Park is utilized year round by myself and many others - while other Parks sit empty on weekdays or winter months.

Due to the high number of locals using fiesta island at various times during the day and limited facilities (running water, toilets, etc.), I believe the homeless situation is kept as low as possible. In addition to the environmental impact of other proposed changes, I believe any proposal that provides water facilities (bathrooms.) may increase the amount of homeless and drug use on Fiesta Island. The dog owners are a deterrent to such problems. Has San Diego considered the safety considerations and impact of providing more facilities in an area where law enforcement currently seems limited?

I support: "Option B" supports a parking area that will not extend as far, and will provide for a view pavilion and view plaza; picnic tables; running trail; maintenance/emergency trail; native, least tern and eel grass habitat areas; and dog off-leash non-native vegetation play areas, for a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within this southwest area.

Thank you for your time. Quite honestly, I don't even understand why we (as a city) are even considering spending money on changing something that isn't broken - when our roads (potholes) are a mess and represent safety issues and affect many more citizens.

Sincerely,

Heidi Frechette

PS The management of foxtails is not important to me.

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
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Save my Dog Park!

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

On subject item, I support "Option B" of the two options offered.

Choosing to reside in San Diego, in which I am also employed, was based in large part in having the off-leash dog park/beach on Fiesta Island. I am now disappointed that this unquestionable treasure is now under threat of being negatively altered. I strongly encourage that no reductions in the size, configurations, or alterations that would reduce or change the current foot print of the fenced off-leash dog area on the Southwest Island.

Before moving to San Diego 8 years ago I lived in Huntington Beach. Huntington Beach also offered an off-leash dog beach but the confined space made it difficult to enjoy and difficult to really have an opportunity to exercise both man and dog. From Malibu to the Mexican border, Fiesta Island truly is unique and we must not allow any re-development to jeopardize this gem.

As you consider the impact I would encourage you to also consider the reputation and benefit of the off-leash park to the city of San Diego.

- Company's use the image of "dog-friendly" when recruiting new employee's
- Impact of new residence choice in living within the city
- Limited alternate beach access and large enough off-leash park areas.
- The City of Petco resonates a value we give to our four legged friends and should be reflected in dog welcoming atmosphere.

Again, I encourage you to choose "Option B" or plan that does little harm to what is now an incredible asset for the City of San Diego.

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:12:14 AM

I support the establishment of the Fiesta Island Dog Park as a safe, leash-free area for dogs and people. It is important for all of San Diego to have open areas for dog health - mental and physical. Many other dog running areas are not large enough nor do they have sufficient fencing to be completely safe for all.

I support Option "B" to keep the leash-free area large and open. If the area is divided then it will not provide the same walking and dog running environment.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park won an award as the Best Dog Park in the USA. It is a valuable asset for attracting the increasing pet travelling tourists to San Diego.

The Fiesta Island Dog Park is an important resource for all of San Diego. Let's keep it that way.

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Cc: [FIDO Admin](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:49:13 PM

I use Fiesta Island to routinely exercise both myself and my dogs. It is imperative that we retain this unique feature of San Diego and Mission Bay by maintaining large, open, leash free spaces and access to the coastline.

Let's not sell our souls to developers. They've used and abused this city enough already.

I support adopting Option B.

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:07:56 AM

I routinely visit the Fiesta island fenced off-leash dog park area with my dog Winston. We visit the fenced area 4-5 times a week for a minimum of 1-2 hours at a time. The fenced off area is perfect for my dog who has anxiety from loud noises and wheels which makes using the rest of the island difficult for him to use due to the amount of bikers utilizing the road. The size of the fenced off area is perfect with the access to the water, endless fun and exercise for my dog. We typically walk the perimeter of the area so he can run up and down the banks to the water and back to me with pure joy and excitement. There are limited off-leash opportunities for dog owners in the area and nothing compares to the fenced off area of Fiesta Island.

Best Regards,

Johnnie Padilla

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From: [Caprice](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:47:50 PM

I am really concerned that there won't be an off leash for dogs at fiesta island anymore. There already aren't enough areas that dogs can run free. Dog owners from allover San Diego use it and it's a necessity in my opinion.

Caprice Preciado

Sent from my iPhone

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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 11:06:43 AM

We go to Fiesta Island every weekend and if possible a couple of days during the week. It is the only place where dogs can run completely free and off-leash within a fenced in area. Having this type of environment as well as the size of the place allows for each dog to have it's own space which also decreases the chance of dogs getting into fights. Having a road dividing the area will create a higher risk for dogs to get run over as well as limit the space they have to run around.

I really hope the city can support Option B, which can leave the area intact. That way, people with dogs can take advantage of the fenced area and the rest of the visitors can enjoy their activities without dogs running around.

If possible, it would be great if the city could also address the foxtail issues.

Thanks,
Giselle Roether
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From: [Mary Warfield](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:42:42 AM

Regarding the Mission Bay Fiesta Island Plan, I support option B as it is the most efficient and cost effective plan. Please keep Fiesta Island as an area where people, with their dogs off leash, can hike, run, jog, walk, swim and/or ride their horse. It was promised to the dog owners of San Diego that Fiesta Island would be designated a leash free area when dogs were banned from beaches in the early 1970's. No other beach in this area allows all of the varied activities that Fiesta Island does now, please keep it that way. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:43:37 PM

Fiesta Island is a large piece of land with lots of possibility. I appreciate all the attention given to planning out the future of this space. I have been utilizing Fiesta Island for over 13 years now on a regular basis. I've attended events, gone jet skiing, taken long walks, attended a clean-up hosted by FIDO and more. But by far the most use I've gotten out of the island is by walking/running my dogs in the leash free zone. It's a doggie heaven and dog-owner heaven. We've made friends there, we've had fun and made so many memories. Access to the beach, the lack of roads and fences, and having a large space in which to run is so important to me and my family. Fiesta Island is part of the reason San Diego is known as a dog-friendly city. While progress is important, we shouldn't make such sweeping changes that we lose sight of one of the things that makes Fiesta Island so great -- it's large leash-free zone where pets and pet owners are safe and free to roam. I believe we can make changes that allow every group to enjoy the island while not taking away from the leash-free zone the things that make it so unique and wonderful.

Because of this, I urge you to support **Option B**. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

- Susan Matthews

Point Loma resident

From: [Stephen Lachmayr](#)
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Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:48:01 PM

Dear planning committee,

As a frequent user of Fiesta Island, it is obvious that it is one the best resources for locals in San Diego. While I don't believe the island necessarily needs any improvements, I wouldn't mind a bit of some modernization.

In reviewing the options brought forth by the city (option A) and FIDO-Fiesta Island Dog Owners (option B), I feel option A is WAY more intrusive than makes sense for the average/typical user, and that option B is a better, more conservative approach that better serves the community interests.

Best regards,
Stephen Lachmayr

From: [Lisa Gillespie](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:36:14 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in support of OPTION B for Fiesta Island. I believe OPTION B is the best choice when it comes to long term existing uses on the island, reducing environmental impacts, and reducing the acreage of developed parkland. Keeping Fiesta Island in its current form is also the most economically feasible.

My family and I take our dog, Leo, to Fiesta Island Off-Leash Dog Park a couple of times per week. Leo does not like to walk on a leash, and the off-leash dog park gives us a place to exercise him. Leo loves to play with other dogs, and we enjoy the beautiful views of the shoreline and the natural surroundings as we walk. I cannot imagine this area being divided by roads, fences, and an amphitheater. Fiesta Island is a natural jewel in San Diego's extensive park offerings, and it is unlike any other dog beach in the country. It is beautiful and perfect just the way it is, and is used extensively by the dog-owning community in San Diego.

Fiesta Island Off-Leash Dog Park should be protected in its current form, and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Leo on Fiesta Island



Super Bloom on Fiesta Island



Leo & Friends on Fiesta Island

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:34:30 AM

I am voting for option B, keep the off-leash area on fiesta island as it is.
San diego is not a very dog friendly city, not allowing dog owners to walk their dogs anywhere where its nice, such as the board walk at Mission Bay or the beaches after 9am.
So there is either the street for taking the dogs for a walk, a handful dog beaches or Fiesta Island.
So please keep it the way it is!
Best,
Tina Krohne

From: [Suzanne Husami](#)
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Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Lauren Vollrath](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 8:29:12 AM

Hello!

Fiesta Island is a very special off-leash park specifically because it is so large and environmentally diverse - whilst remaining completely closed off from roads and streets. My dog loves to explore (and run off into a street if it's open. This is never a problem at Fiesta Island.) Please keep Fiesta intact as it is. My dog and my friends dogs LOVE this location exactly the way that it is. Option B is environmentally friendly - and is millions of dollars cheaper than Option A.

Thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,

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From: [Elsa Lachmayr](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 8:49:06 PM

I am writing in support of OPTION B for the Fiesta Island plan.

For years, we have come to Fiesta Island to enjoy the off-leash dog park. We completely cherish and appreciate that the city of San Diego has kept the space unspoiled and intact for us locals to enjoy, especially the off-leash dog area. The easy access to the area is great, and the visitors are all respectful and have pride in keeping it clean and well-preserved.

Please support us in keeping this space a local gem. I understand the value of some of the improvements proposed in the plans; however, I believe it is important that the city realize how valuable this space is as it currently is, and how it is one of the points of interest that makes San Diego unique. San Diego is known as one of the most dog-friendly cities in the US, let's keep it that way!

Please recommend Option B for Fiesta Island, not only for us to enjoy but also to preserve the natural state and wild life (lease turns, butterfly population, etc.). A drastic change in F.I. would have a huge impact on the quality of life for so many San Diegans (humans, dogs, and resident species).

Thank you,

Elsa Lachmayr

San Diego, CA 92117
FIDO Supporter

From: [Miriam Keller](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:18:56 PM

I write to support Option B of the Fiesta Island Ammendment.

Fiesta Island is a city treasure we would like to remain unspoiled. Many of us have used this site for many years not only to exercise and socialize our dogs but this has also become a place for SD citizens to develop relationships and network. There are very few dog places and nothing else like Fiesta Island in San Diego. Come on any given day (I am there 5-7days/wk) and you will see children, young adults, adults and seniors take on that 2mi walk; most come with a dog while some come to enjoy dogs and scenery.

As tax payers we ask you leave the purity of Fiesta Island alone for us and future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully,

Miriam Keller, La Jolla CA

From: [Sue Ochoa](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:05:35 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to express my support of Option B for the Fiesta Island plans which keeps the off leash site intact for dog owners. Fiesta Island is ranked as the number one dog park in the United States and should remain that way. Mission Bay has a tremendous amount of space dedicated to the general public for their water crafts, family events and activities. It is not right to take the only fenced in off leash area and give that space to a group that already has so many resources available to them.

San Diego has so few areas where a dog can legally be off leash and allowed to run and interact with other animals. The other areas in and around San Diego are often not fenced in, are limited in space and are not always handicapped accessible. Fiesta Island is a unique and well appreciated opportunity for dog owners.

I live down south in Chula Vista and brave the traffic at least twice a week so my dogs can enjoy a few hours at Fiesta Island as there is nothing else like it. Today it took me 45 minutes to make the drive but it was worth every minute to see the joy on my dogs' faces. The ability to run and swim has kept my nine year old lab healthy since she can exercise her joints. The space allows my one year old lab to run full tilt, play with other dogs and just plain tuck herself out so we can have peace and quiet in the home. My vet commented that taking my girls out regularly is wonderful for their health. I can personally attest to the fact that walking my two dogs on a leash does not compare to an off leash experience. That is like driving to Disneyland but staying in the car! They enjoy the outing but it is not as tiring and not as enjoyable for them. My dogs LOVE Fiesta Island. As soon as I put on my beach shorts they are already dancing the happy dance and vocalizing their joy! Don't take that away from them or me by reducing the size of the park.

Additionally, my parents are older. They no longer own a pet and are reluctant to do so. However, my mom adores dogs and I take her with me to Fiesta Island. It is the highlight of her week. She gets in a nice walk on the pathways without worry of falling and gets to interact with not only my dogs but other people and their animals. People talk about the dogs have a chance at socialization but so do the people that visit. My mom and I have developed friendships with some of the other regulars. We provide resources and information to each other regarding our dogs and genuinely care. Recently I am seeing more and more younger families coming with their kids because they have realized that they can include the whole family in on their outing, including the furry family members.

If the dog park is split it will no longer offer the space that is so useful and available at this time. There is not one inch of that park that isn't used and appreciated by us dog owners. To divide that property up decreases the appeal of the park. To open up areas to allow roads and more vehicle traffic decreases the safety of both the animals and their families. Loud noises, more cars, less space to run all spells disaster for dog owners. Fiesta Island is fairly large and just the small corner is designated for the animals. I plead on behalf of those animals that you leave the park intact. Do not split and reduce the off leash area. There are already so many options in San Diego for beach lovers and adventurers. Do not take the best dog park in the

US and minimize it for people who already have so much available to them.

Thanks,

Sue Ochoa
Maddie & Sadie



From: [Gail Theilacker](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:50:41 PM

Comments responding to the City's public notice concerning "**Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment**"

My wife and I regularly visit the dog park on Fiesta Island. It is a great place to let the dogs wander and run about. In San Diego it is generally difficult for dog owners to find places that dogs can run in the open for significant distances. Almost all places which provide nice walking experiences (Mission Bay, La Jolla Cove, San Clemente Canyon) require dogs to be on leash and most do not allow dogs at all between 9 am and 4 pm. Most dog parks, like the one near Balboa park, are small (about 1 acre) spots where lots of dogs are crowded in. So, Fiesta Island is a very unusual and splendid location.

It is very unfortunate that it hasn't been designated as an off-leash dog park. So, I strongly support the FIDO Option B which does establish a significant park for dogs on Fiesta Island. This will be the only really nice San Diego park for dogs to exercise within many miles of where we live in the University City neighborhood.

We strongly recommend that the city include this Option B in its environmental impact report, establishing a permanent, fenced, off-lease area in Mission Bay Park, with roughly the same size and location as the current off-lease area.

Signed by:

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 6:28:01 PM

I strongly support OPTION B in amending the Master Plan.

I am a San Diego native, and I have been visiting the island with my dogs since before the dog park was designated. Since that time, my dogs and I have enjoyed our rambles on the island several times each week.

One of the joys of the off leash dog area, as it exists now, is the variety of ways in which owners and pets can experience it. They can stroll or jog along the shoreline. Many dogs play fetch or swim. Unlike OB's dog beach, even small dogs can enjoy the water, not threatened by waves. Owners and pets can also choose to remain on the pathway above the beach or wander about the large open field. Many island users do both, providing miles of exercise for both pets and their uprights. Any alteration of the existing dog park could only inhibit and/or disrupt our enjoyment of the area.

At a time when the city seems intent on inbuilding, with the proliferation of apartments and condos that provide no place for dogs to roam off leash, it seems especially necessary to leave this tranquil, rural-like setting untouched. Surely there are enough concert venues, beaches and picnic areas complete with paved parking and restrooms in our city.

In my visits to Fiesta Island's dog park, I have noticed a camaraderie among the many people who frequent the park regularly. Please leave the off leash area as is, adopt Option B, and let residents who come from throughout the county continue to enjoy one of the nicest settings in San Diego.

Thank you.

Jonny Even

From: [Louisa Golden](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:39:48 PM

I am a San Diego native. I have lived in San Diego for most of my 54 years. As a child, I rode my horse on Fiesta Island in the 1970's. We would ride there from the last horse stables in Mission Valley. To this day, horses riding along the shore is a welcome sight, though riders now have to trailer horses to the Island. These days, I visit the island with my two dogs several times each week. There is no area as well suited to training and exercising off lead. Fiesta Island was recently acknowledged as the best dog park in San Diego. That proud designation referred to the entire island, including but not limited to the fenced area.

The island is vital to my quality of life. I will be devastated to see it developed at all. It is where I can connect to a bit of nature and walk with my dogs. I train advanced obedience skills and retrieving in the trail area across from the youth center. I take my older dog to the fenced area to walk along the beach. She has trouble breathing, so the water there keeps her cool. Other parks in San Diego are too hot and you cannot visit them early enough. Dog Beach in OB is far too crowded. If Fiesta Island is developed, whatever remains of the off lead allowed areas will become overcrowded, too.

San Deigans lose more and more open space as the city bursts with people. With the lose of space, our quality of life steadily declines. It feels as if there is no room left for people like me, who need a touch of a natural environment in our daily lives. Other regional parks such as Tecolote Canyon are so hot and airless as to be unusable for us. I cannot work my dogs off lead there. They are pointless for us, of no value whatsoever. If you cannot access an area, you cannot use it. They are great for other hikers, I'm sure. But not for me. I need the ocean breeze and so do my dogs.

When my child was smaller, we would walk around the island. He, too, feels peace and beauty in the natural environment. Once, he even found a tiny baby octopus under a rock just above the tide line. (We released it into the water and it swam away.) He also found a pinniped bone there once. I have found several snake skins myself. As it is now, Fiesta Island is a magically natural space, a salve to the soul.

Mission Bay Park is very nice, I'm sure. But it's manicured lawns hold little allure for us. We love the hills, berms and daisies on Fiesta Island. We love to watch the shore birds and sea lions and even the caterpillars in the spring. All that will be gone once Fiesta Island is developed to look just like the rest of Mission Bay. More ball fields. More parking lots. More of what we already have too much of.

The public notice states, "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement "

Back in the mid 70's, the city adopted a leash law. In return for the loss of freedom and flexibility, Fiesta Island was to be set aside as an off lead area for dog owners to be able to walk and exercise their dogs. Off lead activities should be retained throughout the entire island. As San Diego

has grown, the dog owning population has exploded. Nearly one third of San Diego households have one or more dogs. Now is not the time to reduce the area available to dog owners to properly and legally exercise their dogs. The prevalence of owners who violate the leash law is a clear indication that there are inadequate resources for dog owners currently. Reducing off lead areas will only make this problem worse. Please do not betray a long standing promise to San Diego dog owners. Keep the Island entirely open for off lead dog activities.

The current Fiesta Island environment uses little water. Only the Youth center is irrigated at all. This is ideal for native animal species who make the island their home. San Diegans get a precious chance to connect with nature, watch the seasons, enjoy animals and the wildlife has the benefit of an undeveloped space within the city. It is economical, water wise and perfect as it is. And of course, you cannot spend less money than no money at all. Development dollars would be better spent on other parts of the city.

If developers must be employed and public funds wasted on developing what is already a perfect space, the option that preserves the most possible dog friendly space would be best. I dislike both proposed options, but option B would be preferable to the other option.

I hope you make the right decision. Please protect open space in San Diego for the enjoyment of all San Diegans. Leaving Fiesta Island perfect and undeveloped is a fantastic and frugal investment in the quality of life for all our citizens.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:54:14 PM

To Whom It Concerns:

I live close to Fiesta Island (in the 92117 zip code) and have enjoyed Fiesta Island ever since I moved to San Diego in 1982 (and lived across from the Hilton Hotel).

For over 6 years, I had a dog that I would take to the dog park on Fiesta Island at least weekly because it was the best dog park in San Diego, allowing different dog temperaments to get along.

I understand that the City of San Diego has plans to change the current use of the dog park to add a road, build additional fences, add RV parking, etc. I am not in agreement with that plan, but would like to see the area preserved for off-leash use, as recommended by FIDO's Option B.

The City has Campland on the Bay for RV use and camping, yet has uncertain plans to change that use. The City is also making changes to DeAnza Cove to protect the environment and in that process will lose income-generating opportunities. As a taxpayer who does not enjoy the status of San Diego's failing infrastructure, I think the concern with managing the foxtails on Fiesta Island is over-rated.

I support keeping the large, fenced in dog park with different paths and trails with beach access.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:37:13 PM

I understand that the City is considering a development of the Fiesta Island area and that the potential development may have an impact on the off-leash dog area currently located on Fiesta Island. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Option "A," as set forth in the May 9, 2017, Public Notice.

I believe that Option "A" will negatively impact Fiesta Island and the residents of the City of San Diego. **I oppose Option "A."**

I believe that Option "B" will adequately satisfy the objectives stated in the Public Notice, namely: "to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement." Option "B" will satisfy this objective and preserve the jewel San Diego has in Fiesta Island. **I support Option "B."**

I have been a frequent visitor to Fiesta Island for many years. I use the off-lease dog area on a weekly basis, sometimes more frequently. This is a **unique** park that provides safe and accessible access to the shoreline for humans and dogs. The size of the park provides exercise opportunities for both humans and their pets. Fiesta Island provides immeasurable benefits to visitors and residents alike and there are simply **no comparable substitutes** for the opportunities available at Fiesta Island. This is borne out by the fact that the Fiesta Island off-lease dog park was **recently voted the "Best Dog Park" in the United States in a USA Today poll.**

Developing the area, adding roads, constructing fences, or further segregating the Fiesta Island spaces would detract from the appeal of the area, reducing the utility and attraction by both visitors and residents. The small (or non-existent) benefits from this alteration of the area would be dwarfed by the harm and detriments.

I have questions regarding the intended use of the park and the potential conversion of current parkland that is publicly accessible into public land that is leased to private contractors with greatly restricted access. I also have concerns regarding the infrastructure improvements that would be required to support a potentially significant increase in use in the event the area is redeveloped consistent with Option "A." I am concerned that this increased use and the required infrastructure improvements would negatively affect the ecology and aesthetics of the area. This would likely reduce the appeal of the redeveloped area, fundamentally undermining the objective stated in the Public Notice.

Moreover, I am concerned that the elimination (or the redevelopment of the area in that reduces the appeal of the area) would result in a dispersal of residents and visitors to other areas. This will lead to an increased use of other park areas (despite the lack of comparable alternative park area). This increased use will negatively impact other park areas, resulting in a further dispersal of visitors to those other park areas. The ripple-effect of the redevelopment of Fiesta Island would impact all of San Diego County, including nearly every park area in the region. I am concerned that these impacts are inadequately considered.

In short, **I am opposed to Option A and I support Option B and the preservation of Fiesta Island.** There are simply too many negative consequences to Option A and scarcely few benefits. The overlooked consequences would be disastrous for the region and the residences of San Diego.

Thank you,
Patrick Hicks
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From: sdvcmadeb@aol.com
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Cc: info@fido.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 2:46:24 PM

I support adopting PLAN B for Fiesta Island as soon as possible!

It is important that the city keep the fenced off-leash area intact without the roads, amphitheater, fences, etc that the city plan has placed in the area. Allow it to remain as an open, contiguous area where humans and dogs can exercise. Please ask the planners to support OPTION B, the FIDO plan.

There are enough human-only parks & recreation areas in San Diego...We ought to have a place to cherish our freedoms with our best friends!

Than you.

Debra Haines
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From: [Jamie Lukos](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:26:17 PM

To Whom It May Concern,
I am whole-heartedly in favor of OPTION B for Fiesta Island.

I use the Fiesta Island off-leash area **at least** once if not twice a week to run with my dog. There is no other dog park like it where I can run for miles in a safe, off-leash setting. The size of the land and the access to the water are what make this place very special. It would be a severe detriment to the city to develop the land there. This is a very, very important part of the culture of the city for both dog owners and non-dog owners alike. It is one of the last great pieces undeveloped land.

Please do not over develop another piece of land in the city. It is easily my favorite place in the world and why I choose to live within a 10 minute drive. There I am able to escape my busy days as a San Diego resident/tax-payer and be one with the natural surrounds. I and many others would be extremely heart broken and disappointed if Option A were to pass.

Please, I beg you, to pass Option B. I will be traveling next week and cannot attend the hearing, but I am happy to help to provide additional information and support for this project as needed.

Thank you in advance for saving our wonderful park.

Best,
Jamie Lukos

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From: ridgebks@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 1:17:50 PM

(Sent via mail and email)

Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner
City of San Diego

Dear Ms. Malone:

I am writing to let you know that I strongly **support OPTION B** for the development of the fenced, off-leash area on Fiesta Island. There is no other large, open area where we can exercise with our off-leash dogs in all of Southern California. We need to keep this area open and undivided by roads, fences, an amphitheater and boating facility. And believe me, this is as much about the humans as it is the dogs.

San Diego has steadily eliminated most of its open space,- there is NO other place where we can still walk, run or bike safely and legally with our off-leash dogs. This fenced area is a refuge in the middle of a developed city where humans (and their dogs) can try to maintain physical and mental health. We NEED open, undeveloped space. We hear every day how overweight and unhealthy children and adults have become so anything we can do to encourage exercise should be a priority. If you go to the fenced area, all you will see are people and families exercising with their dogs. It is not like the small neighborhood dog parks where people sit on benches and drink coffee while the dogs play. Everyone who uses this area on Fiesta Island is actively exercising.

As a veterinarian, I am aware that almost 50% of all homes now have a dog and there are almost 800,000 dogs in San Diego County. Yet while there are over 40,000 acres of public parkland available, outside of Fiesta Island, there are only about 50 acres designated for off-leash use.

It is a fact of life that dogs have become an important part of family life. These dogs need exercise and with so few areas where they can be off-leash, the importance of keeping this 90-acre area open and intact is critical. As the population of San Diego grows, you simply have to plan on an increased need for the growing dog population of the future. Just like their human owners, a well exercised dog is a happier and better adjusted member of society. Other facilities, such as the amphitheater, playground and paddleboat facility, that are being placed within the off-leash area according to Option A have other locations on Fiesta Island or elsewhere in Mission Bay Park where they could go. Off-leash has NO OTHER option!

Additionally, I will ask that the foxtail problem also be addressed as it is a serious health risk to the dogs and an expensive condition for owners to treat if the dogs get a foxtail under their skin, in their ears, on worst of all, inhaled into their nasal sinuses.

I have read your entire public notice and the thing that struck me was the following statement in your notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement".

The sentence above describes Option B without exception.

Option B:

- Respects our long term use of the space as an off-leash area as a 'long term existing use'.
- Virtually eliminates environmental impacts to the area. (No grading to create new beaches, amphitheaters, roads; no importation of non-native sand for beaches; no disruption of the existing birds and other animals that live there to name just a few.
- Not only reduces but eliminates the use of water.
- And while Option A will cost millions of dollars to build and maintain, Option B requires minimal buildout expense and virtually no maintenance.

So, again, I would hope that the analysis of Option B concludes that it is the better alternative based on this criteria that you have established.

At this time, I would like to directly respond to your request for input regarding the upcoming EIR. Below are some of the issues I would like reviewed and considered in the process:

1. Please evaluate the environmental impact that bulldozing the berm and soil to create a swimming beach at the south end of the area will have. The dirt used to fill Fiesta Island was from the marshland that was dredged away in the process of making Mission Bay. Rose Creek, with all of the contaminants (including heavy metals) from industrial waste that was pumped into it in the first half of the 1900's, drained directly into the marsh soil. Is that soil still contaminated? (Option B does not include this bulldozing)
2. To create a swimming beach after bulldozing, they will have to bring in tons of non-native sand. What impact/risks will that have on the existing flora and fauna? (Option B does not include a beach)
3. Please study the effect that the use of watering and maintaining the grass planned for the area will have. Not to mention the amounts of water that will be wasted while we are constantly in a drought situation. (Option B does not include grass)
4. Aesthetically, all of the many users of Fiesta Island love the fact that it is primitive and minimally developed,- a refuge from the city's urban clutter and noise. That is exactly what draws all of the current users to this island. The changes planned within the fenced area in Option A will definitely change the aesthetic pleasure we draw from

how it exists today. Roads, grass, picnic tables, playgrounds abound throughout Mission Bay Park. Do we really need more?

5. How will increasing density on the island affect traffic flow? Hopefully traffic studies will be done to show how it will be impacted. Especially if long trailers hauling boats begin to use the roads if the paddle boat facility is built on the south end of the current off-leash area.

6. Historically, Fiesta Island has been used as an off-leash area for decades. An ordinance in 1972 officially made it an off-leash area when dogs were banned from all other public beaches (with the exception of Ocean Beach). Specifically, use of the fenced 90-acre area as an off-leash area was started in the 1990's when the city granted permission for off-leash users to begin using that area as it was no longer being used for sludge processing.

7. Land use: While there are approximately 40,000 acres of public parkland in San Diego, outside of Fiesta Island, there are only about 50 acres of space designated as off-leash. A recent study showed that out of large US cities, San Diego ranked 20th as far as dog parks, having only 1.09 parks per 100,000 people. And we must consider that San Diego is a very dog-friendly city with almost 800,000 dogs living here.

8. The parks of San Diego provide different types of recreational opportunities for different user groups. Open parkland for picnics and play, sports fields, shoreline access for boating, beaches for swimming, etc exist throughout Mission Bay Park. Why shouldn't off-leash users be given similar consideration, especially an area like the fenced area on Fiesta Island where people are actively recreating with their off-leash dogs. We ask that you recognize off-leash use as a valid recreational use of the area and give it adequate space. The other uses you wish to place in this area can easily be placed elsewhere on Fiesta Island or in Mission Bay Park.

9. Regarding the Least Tern protected habitat adjacent to our off-leash area: The Audubon Society has said that having picnic tables and trash cans in the vicinity of the Tern area will draw crows and other predator birds into the area. These predators eat the Tern eggs and chicks. Having the large off-leash park in the area will prevent any food/trash that may attract these predators. There is obviously no trash or discarded food in a dog park that the dogs won't get to first. (Option B does not encourage scavengers near the Least Tern Preserve)

10. Please analyze the impact of an large number of increased special events that will be brought onto the island and it's impact on the environment, traffic, aesthetics, noise as well as the cost of build-out and maintenance of necessary public services (restrooms, trash, etc) that will be necessary for these events

11. Land use/traffic/environmental impact: The primary reason for the road through the 90-acre area is to access a paddle boat facility/storage area on the southern end of the area. The paddler clubs provided a list of the amenities they needed in 2006 when the plans were beginning to be developed. They requested: a beach, close

proximity to restrooms, running water, parking lot, direct access to Mission Bay and the ocean and they specifically told the planner that those could be provided "at South Shore OR Fiesta Island". ALL of that infrastructure already exist in the severely underutilized area directly across the channel from Fiesta Island on South Shore! Why would we spend millions of dollars to recreate those amenities and in the process displace the off-leash users who have been using the area for decades??? Plus, add to the traffic by placing the paddle site on Fiesta Island. Even worse, the environmental impact that grading, the building of roads and parking lots, destroying existing vegetation and animals, building a new beach, etc will have on the existing environment must seriously be considered.

12. Please analyze the financial savings that would be incurred if the paddlers were placed on South Shore, where the infrastructure they specifically said they needed already exists versus building a road and recreating the same expensive infrastructure directly across the channel on Fiesta Island. (Option B requires minimal buildout and maintenance)

13. More traffic will bring backups with idling cars releasing emissions into the air and dripping oil and antifreeze onto the pavement. How will his affect the environment?

14. If events are held in the planned amphitheater, how will this affect the noise and tranquility we currently enjoy at Fiesta Island. They stopped the fireworks at Sea World, partly because of the noise they create. (Option B has no amphitheater)

15. Right now there are birds, lizards, ground squirrels and other animals that also 'use' the area with the dogs. What will the impact on these species be by bulldozing, placing grass, tot lots, amphitheaters, roads and parking lots in the middle of the area. (Option B allows the status quo to exist)

In the Mission Bay Park Masterplan Update, dated August 2, 1994, and subsequently amended in 1995,1997 and 2002, it states:

"As an open landscape, Fiesta Island should be the place where City residents and visitors alike find the ultimate refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter."

I hope that the EIR will consider this goal of the Masterplan and if nothing else, keep the fenced off-leash area open, unchanged and that place where we can take "ultimate refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter."

Respectfully,

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To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:06:54 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I support adopting Option B for Mission Bay Park/Fiesta Island as soon as possible.

My daughter, my dogs, and I use the Fiesta Island off-leash area at least four days a week. It is the only off-leash area where I can also enjoy the beautiful shoreline and get in a great walk. Along the way, everyone I meet is so friendly and like-minded; enjoying wholesome outdoor exercise and enjoying watching all the dogs romp around.

The size of the area is so important because of the sense of space, freedom, and open trails with a shoreline view and breeze. It is quintessential San Diego! I do not want to see that area divided into smaller spaces. We have many beautiful outdoor spaces in San Diego, but this is the ONLY space that serves my purpose: a **safe** place to walk alone that is beautiful, natural, and where my dogs can be off-leash.

Thank you for listening to San Diego.

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement.'
FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that **Option B fulfills this better** than Option A."

Sincerely,

Staci Stompoly

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From: [Spirit of Adventure](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:28:50 PM

To whom it may concern:

Regarding the above amendment, the City states two options: option A and option B.

Please consider **option C, which leaves Fiesta Island at its current state.**

Thousands of San Diegans enjoy Fiesta Island for recreation every week. Reasons to keep it the way it is:

- Low maintenance
- No irrigation, no other water use
- No Landscaping
- Plenty of parking without big, hot asphalt parking lots which also cause more storm water run-off

- *Everybody is welcome!* Where else can all these groups be accommodated?
Bikers, Runners, Dog walkers, Swimmers, Boaters, Jet skiers, Horseback riders,
Over the Line players, Kite surfers, Kayakers, Stand up paddle boarders, Hobby Rocket launchers, etc.

- A natural place, where kids (and grown ups) can see how a good rain turns a brown landscape into green within days.
Who needs a playground if you can play hide and seek in the flowers, look for lady bugs and hermit crabs,
play on the beach and collect shells? Nowadays, many kid's outdoor experience is limited to manicured parks and play structures. Let kids
experience nature within the city in a safe place without rattle snakes and poison oak.

Our family has visited Fiesta Island almost daily over the last 25 years. Our kids have enjoyed the above mentioned activities with their friends while growing up. As adults, they are now walking the dogs there whenever possible. I am still walking the dogs on Fiesta Island several times a week and I am very grateful to have such an unique, amazing place right in the middle of the city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annemarie Keating
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From: [monica](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment - PLEASE Adopt Option B
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:57:42 PM

Hello,

I am writing in regards to the re-planning of Fiesta Island.

I come from a country where animals are not highly regarded and I am so happy that I live in a place with a special area like Fiesta Island and other dog parks, but honestly Fiesta Island is the best place in San Diego for dogs and people, that allow dogs to have fun in a friendly environment.

I have been a San Diego resident for 14 years now and I have been going to Fiesta Island 3/4 times a week for the last 10 years, a great way to keep healthy and in shape. I have meet great friends while walking my dogs at Fiesta, friends that I still have in my life.

I have brought friends and family from out of town to enjoy the beach and walks at Fiesta and everyone that knows me knows that I call my Fiesta "Dog's Paradise".

I cannot tell you how much Fiesta Island has improved my life and the life of my dogs.

Please adopt option B for the re-planning of Fiesta Island, please let us keep our gem.

Thank you.

Monica Hovey

From: [Kathy Parrish](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO Admin](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 11:28:51 AM

I'm writing this email to give my strong support for Option B in the Fiesta Island plan.

As a native San Diegan, I have spent many, many hours at Fiesta Island with various activities—windsurfing, kayaking, picnicking, attending Over-the-Line, and most especially, walking with my dogs.

I go to the Off-Leash fenced dog area at least five or six times every week (sometimes twice) with my dogs, and it is the most fabulous place to exercise both them and myself! (In fact, I'm sure you know that it was voted #1 Dog Park in the United States.) I want to emphasize the idea of **my** exercise because I need to move also, and walking around the entire fenced-in area is about two miles, or half of the 10,000 steps that are recommended daily. At other, smaller, dog parks, there is no room for me to exercise—I can only stand around or walk a few yards. At the Fiesta Island dog park, I see people of all ages—from toddlers just learning to walk to senior citizens who use a walking stick or even a walker—getting in some fresh air and exercise. There are also people of all ages using the park to jog or ride their bikes with their dogs happily running next to them.

In addition to the exercise, both the dogs and I are able to socialize—I have made several friends among the regulars who go at the same time as I do, and of course, the dogs have their buddies that they can run and play with. As a ten-year volunteer at the San Diego Humane Society, I have observed how much dogs need regular socialization and exercise in order to be good pets. The expansiveness of the park at Fiesta Island allows the dogs so much room that any show of being territorial is very, very rare.

I have often gone to other areas of Mission Bay Park, and I can tell you unequivocally that the dog park on Fiesta Island is the most well-used part of the park. People are there with their dogs every day of the year, rain or shine. (That's me that you'll see in a yellow slicker on rainy days!) Even on the most sunny, warm days in July and August, Fiesta Island is booming, but other areas of the park have plenty of parking available, and South Shores is almost a ghost town—that would be a perfect spot to revamp for paddlers and boaters.

I would also like to address a few specific points made in your notice:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• “The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island”—The off-leash dog park is definitely a long term existing use, and one enjoyed by tens of thousands of people from all over the world.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• “reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use”—Option B has very few changes and no developed parkland needing water and upkeep. I especially like this point because we really don't need more developed, turfed, asphalted acreage on Mission Bay.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• “and is economically feasible to implement”—again, the relatively small changes in Option B will be economically feasible not only to implement but also to maintain.

As you can see, there are so many reasons to designate the entire current fenced area as a dog park as is planned in Option B. Some of the things I am looking forward to with a redevelopment project would be the removal of foxtails and burr clover to avoid costly and dangerous incidents, better trails down to the beach from the berms, and a wider entrance road with a three-way stop sign or even a stoplight at East Mission Bay Drive.

The fenced-in dog park proposed in Option B will enable the people and dogs who adore that area to continue enjoying all of the benefits currently available while staying true to the city's intent of providing ecologically and economically sound recreation areas for all of San Diego's citizens and visitors. Again, I strongly urge you to adopt Option B.

Kathy Parrish

P.S. The pic below is two of my dogs at the park, saying "thanks!!"



From: [Rody Gallo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:55:44 PM

Please vote Option B on Fiesta Island Dog Park.

My family and I take our dogs to Fiesta Island every day. Our dogs love it as well as us. We have made a lot of friends there and the people have become part of our family. We all take care of the land as if it were our own home. Please vote on **FIDO's Option B** this June!

Rodrigo Gallo

From: [Michelle Mardahl-Dumesnil](#)
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:54:55 AM

Hi,

I am a taxpayer and resident for over 25 years and live at 5234 Lewison Court, San Diego 92120. One of the first places that I would frequently visit when I moved here from overdeveloped Orange County was the free space available at Fiesta Island. Over the years I have done multiple fun runs and use the off leash park for my dog at least once a week. I support Option B plan in which the off leash park is established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan.

Additionally, this area has valuable Least Tern nesting sites that would be disturbed by more road traffic as proposed by the Option A plan. Aesthetically, we need to preserve open spaces and Option A more infringe on this valuable and limited resource. I would rather have some of this area be converted to a functioning wetland to help the Mission Bay water quality than to add more development.

As far as the Environmental Impact I would like to know the impact of Option A proposal will have on noise, air, land and water pollution by building an additional road on the small island.

From: [Rodrigo Gallo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:55:19 PM

Please vote Option B on Fiesta Island Dog Park.

My family and I take our dogs to Fiesta Island every day. Our dogs love it as well as us. We have made a lot of friends there and the people have become part of our family. We all take care of the land as if it were our own home. Please vote on **FIDO's Option B** this June!

Rodrigo Gallo

From: [Rody Gallo](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:54:08 PM

Please vote Option B on Fiesta Island Dog Park.

My family and I take our dogs to Fiesta Island every day. Our dogs love it as well as us. We have made a lot of friends there and the people have become part of our family. We all take care of the land as if it were our own home. Please vote on **FIDO's Option B** this June!

Rodrigo Gallo

From: [Taskin, Shelly](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@fidisd.org"](mailto:info@fidisd.org)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:51:03 AM
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island!

While there are other dog parks in San Diego, none compare to the freedom, safety, space, and coastline that Fiesta Island provides. Even beyond San Diego, Fiesta Island is a rare gem for dogs and their owners. My family takes our dog, Rosie to Fiesta almost every weekend and it's always so enjoyable for all of us. We often meet up with friends who have dogs as well, as all dogs love it there and it is a place that us owners can also socialize and get exercise at. I love the wide open space at Fiesta Island dog park much more than the smaller dog parks where she doesn't get as much exercise. Fiesta is by far her favorite place to go, running in and out of the water, walking along the beach and wandering through the trails with us.

We greatly acknowledge how lucky we are to have such a park in San Diego and our so grateful to what it offers us and our pooch. We hope it stays as is and that the current off-leash area is preserved for all dogs and owners lucky enough to visit Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Shelly Taskin

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From: [Charles Pendleton](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:37:25 AM

We support plan B for the fiesta island. Please do not cave to big money.

Please leave a park for everyone to use by maintaining the charm and beauty of the island.

Thank you and Have a great day!

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Thanks,

Charlie Pendleton
Alliance Protection
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From: [jjoyous1](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:38:52 PM

Dear Planning Committee,
Please do not divide the dog park on Fiesta Island. My son takes his dog there, I visit as often as I can, and most of our friends take their dogs there as well. It's the greatest place for the dogs to run, and for us to get exercise. The reason it's such a desirable dog park is because it's so big - smaller dog parks are not ideal for a lot of dogs. We love being able to go there and feel like we are out in the woods, even though we're so close to home. PLEASE establish this wonderful place as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Best regards,

Joy Julian
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San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Marina Hollars](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:35:41 AM

I support FIDO'S option B. This place is amazing for us and our dogs as we can exercise save and free of traffic. Plus keeping fiesta island the way it is help to save the nature and is much less expensive that option A. Thank you in advance for your reconsideration of saving fiesta island.
Marina Hollars Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vat](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51:49 AM

Choose "Option B", Fido's plan.

Fiesta Island Leash Free Dog Park has been the **only** opportunity for me, my disabled son, disabled dog and alert dog to get miles of leash free walk, play and swim together. Because of the immense size of this leash free area, dogs are more respectful of each other and less tense. Therefore, unlike other dog parks that are small and crowded, Fiesta Island leash free dog park has few negative dog interactions. **It is safer and healthier because it is large.**

Almost half of all households have a dog. Vacationing with a dog is on the rise. Dog owners try to vacation where their dogs are welcome. We often encounter vacationers who use Fiesta Island leash free dog park. **Enhancing (rather than diminishing) this dog park plus advertising it's uniqueness, will attract more high paying tourists** looking for dog friendly vacation opportunities they can't find elsewhere.

Therefore, it is in the **best interest of San Diego's citizens and tourist income** to preserve Fiesta Island Leash Free Dog Park area as it is now.

Choose "Option B", Fido's plan.

Vivian Thode and Richard Evans

From: [Pam Deitz](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:14:37 AM

I support Option B of the Fiesta Island Amendment and recommend a study of the impact of mowing more frequently to control foxtails which have been a nuance to our dogs for decades.

We currently have three rescue dogs that we run at Fiesta Island at least 5-6 days/ week. We were only able to commit to owning and training three dogs because of access to Fiesta Island the their daily exercise need. As most homeowners in Pacific Beach our yard is small and even long walks do not satisfy our dogs need to run, swim and socialize with other dogs.

The expanse of the park has been key our dogs physical and mental health - and to mine as well. The additional hour or more walk to my daily routine has helped me maintain optimal fitness. My three abused dogs have thrived but are scared of noisy automobiles. I am against a road dividing the park promoting additional traffic. We enjoy Fiesta Island in the early morning because it is a physical and mental escape from the congested beach area traffic and noise for all of us.

I am a second generation San Diego native and proud of all Fiesta Island offers to our residents, visitors and especially pet owners. It is a unique treasure and I urge Fiesta Island be established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible for our children and future generations to enjoy forever.

Sincerely,
Pam Deitz
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San Diego, CA 92109

From: dmccarthylaw@gmail.com on behalf of [David McCarthy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:38:19 AM

Dear San Diego City Counsel:

I take my dog to the Fiesta Island Dog Park (hereinafter "FIDO") daily.

There are few, if any, enclosed areas like it remaining San Diego. It is a beautiful and safe area for people and dogs to walk/roam.

To diminish FIDO's size for sake of development would be poor decision in the long term.

I highly recommend that the City adopt FIDO Plan B.

The long term utility and aesthetic value to the community of preserving FIDO far outweigh any future development on Fiesta Island.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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From: [Tre' Frost](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 7:47:43 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I want to make it known that my family supports Option B for the Fiesta Island Amendment. We have enjoyed Fiesta for 10 years. Currently we have two dogs; one is a high energy viszla and we depend on the large open space for exercise. The diverse environment (beach, meadow, cliffs) allow the dogs to explore, hunt for lizards, run at full speed, and swim all in a safe and uninterrupted space.

Building parking and structures, reducing the area, or splitting it with a road would ruin the natural beauty and wonder of this special place that is helping thousands of dogs every day live healthy and happy lives. I know many people from out of town that travel specifically to Fiesta Island for the current amenities it provides: adequate parking, easy access, and most importantly a large open space for dogs to run free.

Thank you for your time,
Tre' Frost
Dog owner and San Diego resident

From: [Paul M Bowers](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:27:05 AM

Hello!

I'm Paul M Bowers, and I enjoy the use of the dog-free area of Fiesta Island daily- often twice daily. Fiesta Island is where our family walks and talks together- I consider it one of San Diego's unique and important resources. We've traveled all over the world, and this spot is an important part of San Diego's identity.

Some of the factors that make this spot unique to San Diego is the contiguous nature of the leash-free zone, and it's proximity to the shoreline, giving both people and their dogs a wide variety of recreational options.

I hope you'll give Option B of the EIR the strongest support as the permanent plan for Mission Bay Park.

Thanks.

Paul M Bowers
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From: [Susan Porter](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 6:11:29 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I urge the City of San Diego to adopt the FIDO plan, **Option B**, for the future of Fiesta Island. This plan preserves the current off-leash policy on Fiesta Island and the open space acreage that is free and available to the dog owners and the public.

According to the Public Notice the City of San Diego has posted in consideration of these two options for Fiesta Island, *"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement"*.

Option B is much better aligned with the intent of the City of San Diego's development priorities than Option A. **Option B** reduces environmental impacts and keeps developed parkland to a minimum. Also, **Option B** does not further disrupt the natural ecology of Fiesta Island. In contrast, Option A would increase the acreage of developed parkland, would dramatically increase water use and would cost tens of thousands of dollars to implement.

I take my dog to Fiesta Island twice a week. There is nothing like Fiesta Island in all of Southern California, or in the country. It not only preserves an large open space for dogs to run and enjoy a beach in the heart of the city, it is also a nature preserve that is enjoyed by walkers, hikers, tourists and families. This free and public space is a gem that San Diego should preserve for everyone.

Please do not divide the dog park and spoil a wonderful San Diego asset!

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Porter
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San Diego, CA. 92117

From: [Pete Lepore](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Amy Rector](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:00:31 AM

Rebecca Malone / San Diego Planning Department,

On behalf of many San Diegans / residents, I am desiring option B for Fiesta Island. Like most residents, I do not want any new roads to go into the current defined area where dog owners can enjoy with their pets

If desired, I maybe reached via 619.665.8377, and know that most residents are desiring to keep our nation's number one rated dog park as it currently is for continued enjoyment by all.

Thank you.

- Pete

From: [Alain Noncovich](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 6:50:57 PM

Please, save fiesta island dog park.

Alain

From: [Neva Sullaway](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:31:10 PM
Attachments: [Let.Fiesta_Isle_Plan.docx](#)

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Please find attached the letter written below – opposed to Plan A – The Fiesta Island Amendment

May 16, 2017

Neva G. Sullaway

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Dear Planning Committee,

I am a San Diego resident strongly opposed to the Fiesta Island Precision Plan - Option A, which further develops an environmentally sensitive habitat, an open natural space and currently an off-leash dog site.

I hope you will consider the following points:

1. Historically, the original intention for Mission Bay Aquatic Park was to create and protect a multi-use recreational marine park, open to the public, and to preserve the tidelands and natural habitat. While the original plan has been modified over time, the essential intent of the Aquatic Park remains intact.

I believe, to cut roads across the current fenced in area that is an off-leash dog park, creating increased parking, boat storage, RV parking would cause immediate denigration of the natural space.

To date, the dog owners have lived in unique harmony with this space, understanding, appreciating and respecting the ecological balance, such as the Least Tern nesting site. A core group of owners (FIDO) work diligently to assure regular maintenance and caretaking of the off-leash area.

2. The off-leash dog area is an incredible outdoor experience, untainted by structures, with unobstructed views of the city, and bay. People come from all over the U.S. to enjoy San Diego and hundreds of thousands of visitors end up along Mission Bay. People visit the dog park to enjoy a relaxing walk, exercise their dogs and socialize. An amphitheater, several bridges, dog arenas are all misguided, expensive ventures that will only serve to obliterate the peacefulness of this rare and beautiful gem.

3. While I am an avid sailor and small boat owner, I wonder what privileged person will get to store their boat at the proposed “Boat Club” on the island, supposedly for public use? If the City Planners are desperate to create such a location, look a few meters across the inlet and you will see a wide open expanse **in existence at South Shores**, with covered picnic tables, a huge amount of parking, a launch ramp, lovely walkways and bikeways, RV parking and restrooms. In all my years, I have never seen this parking area overwhelmed, which suggests there is already ample parking and facilities within one mile of Fiesta Island.

4. Directly to the west of Fiesta Island is another enviable recreation area – the Ski Beach boat ramp, off Ingraham street on Vacation Isle. Again, ample parking, launching facilities, restrooms.

In brief, substantial resources already exist for those wishing to access the bay with their watercraft, or just picnic.

Over the years, I have talked to many visitors walking their dogs on Fiesta Island. Some are young folks with a day off from work walking their dog; some are tourists wanting to stretch their legs and exercise their dogs; some are older folks getting out of the house to enjoy a beautiful day where they can safely walk and sit with their dog. I have met people in wheelchairs, with walkers and with terminal illnesses, who have chosen to spend their time, with their dog, on Fiesta Island. It’s a slice of paradise that supports community, health and healing.

I came upon a young man not long ago who was turning around in a 360 degree circle in the middle of the dog park. He looked lost, or like he had lost his dog. I asked him if he needed help.

He said: “I can’t believe this. I can’t believe this exists...look, this whole place, I can’t believe it, it’s beautiful.”

City Planners: This is why we plead with you to preserve what exists and not destroy it with so called “improvements”. The early city planners had a vision to protect the precious asset that is Mission Bay Aquatic Park for all to share and enjoy and it is incumbent upon all of us to caretake that vision.

I implore you to visit Fiesta Island and walk the perimeter, see it in its natural

form and beauty. Laugh, as I do, watching the gawking pelicans diving for fish, the dogs running full tilt into the water after balls and Frisbee's, then relax under the shade of the giant eucalypts and share some stories with total strangers. This is the watering hole, where owners gather and dogs drink water provided by caring individuals. It's simple, it's free, it's open to everyone to experience and enjoy.

“Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.”

— **Theodore Roosevelt**

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,

Neva Sullaway



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From: [Jan Noz](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 5:45:37 PM

To whom it may concern:

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island!

While there are other dog parks in San Diego, none compare to the freedom, safety, space, and coastline that Fiesta Island provides. Even beyond San Diego, Fiesta Island is a rare gem for dogs and their owners. My husband and I take our dog to a park on the weekend. We go to Fiesta a few times per month and it's always a family outing because it is so enjoyable for all of us. We often meet up with friends who have dogs as well, as all dogs love it there and it is a place that us owners can also socialize and get exercise at. I love that I can walk around for miles myself with my dog, rather than standing at a dog park and throwing the balls for our dog to fetch. We have an athletic dog with a lot of energy. Fiesta is by far the best place for her to get that energy out. She loves to bound in and out of the water, walk along the beach with us, and wander through the trails with us.

We greatly acknowledge how lucky we are to have such a park in San Diego and our so grateful to what it offers us and our pooch. We hope it stays as is and that the current off-leash area is preserved for all dogs and owners lucky enough to visit Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Jan Noz
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From: [Siobhan M](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:04:37 PM

Please choose OPTION B for Fiesta Island.

Each day I walk my dog 3-4 times. Each day I have to think about the time and where can I go?

Fiesta Island is the ONLY place we can go to be near the water after 9 am EVERY DAY of the week. We go there 1-2 times weekly, we have had the best time with our dogs over the years, the best memories of playing in the water, joyful digging in the sand, playing fetch. We can go morning noon and evening, sunsets and it isn't over run with too many dogs packed into a small space. There is space for all the dogs, small groups, single dogs and their humans with space for all to run and play. Families also bring can have their dogs for the all day fun on the beach.

And we are following the rules! We clean up after our pets and we help on clean up days. We are NOT sneaking off-leash time on other beaches, which we see all the time. We need this maintained for animal safety, not developed for humans to make reservations for events and fight over parking spaces.

We need this open space for the dogs, the pet owners and all friends to share ALL DAY LONG.

Please choose OPTION B for Fiesta Island.

Please make the right choice for San Diego.
Siobhan Miick
FIDO supporter.

From: [Elaine Jordan](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 4:33:27 PM

> To whom it may concern,

> Please take this email as evidence of my support as a citizen for Option B in regards to improvements to be made at Fiesta Island.

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> I live in Pacific Beach on 5051 La Jolla Blvd 92109 and visit the dog park at Fiesta Island at least once a week if not more often. Dividing the dog park with a road would seriously negatively affect the aesthetics and flow of the dog park.

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> This is the only place in the area where our dogs can be off-leash, while fenced in, allowing for exercise in a safe environment. In comparison to other dog parks available where exercise is just walking around in a short circle if at all. The large environment presents a more natural social interaction without dogs crammed on top of each other, reducing the potential for negative interactions and stress for the animals.

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> Additionally It is important exercise for us as well - we usually get at least 3 miles walking the dog park. On our visits we see runners, bikers, people on horseback and more, providing a location for San Diego locals and tourists to be active outside and to do so in ways not available at other parks.

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> My family does not take our dogs to any other park except Fiesta Island, and if an option were to pass that would significantly change how the park currently is I am not sure where we would take our dogs every week.

> I hope you take these things into consideration when making your decision.

> Sincerely,

> Elaine Jordan

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From: [Alison Jones](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 4:30:00 PM

Hi,

I'm writing you asking you to adopt option B to preserve Fiesta island dog park the way it is. I suffer from bi-polar depression and I cant tell you how important it is for my mental health, to take my 3 emotional support dogs for our daily adventure.

I moved to San Diego from Los Angeles 2 years ago, and decided I had to settle near Fiesta Island, because of the amazing dog park. I couldnt believe it...I could never have imagined anything like it! I wanted to be able to go with my dogs every day! It's incredibly wonderful for them to run on the beach and swim. One of my dogs learned to swim and fetches his toy out of the water. My 2 older pups can go at their own pace...sniffing all the intriguing scents and saying hi to the other dogs and people.

San Diego has so many wonderful parks and attractions for people. Fiesta island is unique, not just to San Diego, but to the whole country. Please let all of San Diego's dog lovers keap this incredible fenced dog park forever.

Thank you,

Alison Jones
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From: [Sierra Linn](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 3:39:19 PM

Dear City Official,

Fiesta Island has been a long-time favorite destination for my husband, myself and our pup Indiana. We frequent the park most days of the week to get in our exercise as well as Indiana's. Out of all the places that are 'dog-friendly,' he is always the most excited to go to Fiesta. The large expansive area allows for the off-leash freedom that he needs and craves. There is no other place where we can enjoyably get the exercise we need as well as spend quality time with our dog. Every time we go, there are always lots of other people with their pets or without, exercising and enjoying the fresh air. We have even met various other pet owners there and have grown an irreplaceable community.

The impact of developing the Fiesta Island area would greatly reduce the space allowed for this healthy recreation area, not to mention add further congestion to already congested roadways. This would also impact the environment negatively with increased air pollution and further decrease the view of the ocean we all pay so much to live by. The parks and designated areas for human and animal recreation are a large part of what makes San Diego such a unique and beautiful city. I would strongly urge you to please consider Option B for Fiesta Island. It is truly unique in its resources and availability to the cramped public.

I am so thankful for your time in considering my opinion.

All my best,

Sierra Linn

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From: [Pat and Teresa Menke](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 12:09:36 PM

Planning Committee:

I am a native San Diegan (1967) and dog owner. I am writing to express my opinion of the proposed changes to Fiesta Island and support of the adoption of Option B.

As the owner of two dogs, I am a daily visitor to Fiesta Island. I adore the ease and simplicity of driving onto the island and parking area I choose, areas that always has a space available no matter what busy event is going on; being able to walk 1 step into the fenced area and releasing my pups off the leash and away they go. I'm so fortunate to live in a city that has such a park, where I know my dogs will be getting at least an hour of joyful play and exercise in an uncomplicated nature filled space. I personally am grateful to know that my health is improving with this daily walk too. And on days when I am pressed for time, I can drop in at any of the other entrances and do a quick walk on any of the alternate routes.

I typically follow the same walk, starting at the main gate and loop from the west, towards the back, around the anchorage, to the trees and out, my dogs know the route perfectly and I love it. In the early spring, after the rainy times, its thrilling to watch the earth as far as I can see become swept over in a green blanket of sprouting foliage, watching it grow on a day to day basis. When the daisies and flowers bloom, seeing the dogs bounding and bouncing up and through the growth with unbridled passion is thrilling for all to see. So many pups with pollen-yellowed chest and paw fur, proudly enjoying the annual bloom with no restrictions. Frequently, I will chose walk in the middle of the back field area, directly through the fields of flowers and enjoy the birth of spring, thankful to be able to create my own path. When the Lest tern area gate is closed, I personally get so excited, because it is one of the first signs of summer coming.

In the winter, even after the heaviest of rains, I will go with the dogs, because they need to run and I know the park will be muddy in some places, but just fine in most of the hard pack areas and a muddy happy dog is a delight to see. And I know it will dry out just fine and be as it always is. On days when I am pressed for time, I can drop in at any of the other gates and do a quick walk on many of the alternate routes.

Because all who are there are dog lovers, its easy to strike up a conversation with a stranger about our dogs and the park, what a unique slice of community in a shut off world, people walking with heads up and saying hi to one another instead of heads down looking at a screen. I have made "fiesta" friends that I see there daily including Frank, the happiest city employee Ive ever encountered, who drives around saying hi to all while he manages the trash maintenance, meeting the dog walkers and Gus and his pup crew at the trees bringing water for all and folks from all over San Diego out for a simple walk in a nature setting that is as it has been for decades.

I am also the co-founder of a local dog rescue called The Rescued Dog, and with every adoption, I talk to the adopters about the magnificent Fiesta Island and encourage them to visit frequently with their new family member as they build a bond and create routines. I am often thrilled to run into so many of the dogs I have been a apart of rescuing and seeing them run

free in such a happy 'doggie disneyland' and the owners that often comment that they didn't realize how amazing Fiesta Island is.

I understand a large part of these proposed changes have to do with the non motorized boat clubs, and I can understand that point of view. However, is there not another slice of these 500 acres that can be used for that need? Why chop up and overengineer our section, that is a happy place for 100s of people to use daily, for a very small community of special interest sporting clubs with a limited need and duration of use throughout the year. We, the dog park folks, use it daily, its free and that means accessible to those with limited means, it provides a secure and safe place for people of all genders and age to walk and feel safe from danger.

The whole of fiesta represents a wonderful slice of unique space within a very bustling city, it is so rare to find an area in San Diego that is accessible to all, virtually self contained, very low maintenance cost that hasn't been over engineered into a precise plan with prescribed paths to follow, with imagined points of interest that aren't really interesting at all. San Diego is known for its unique open spaces, in particular Mission Trails because its in the middle of a city and vast public lands where you can see real land, not concrete, parking spaces. Fiesta is one of the last spaces in San Diego where you can see land, just land, and thats all we need and want in these urbanized cities, open pristine natural places. Most all of the engineered items in the plans will go unappreciated, needing expensive maintenance, adding unnecessary precise parking will become a hassle, the city cost will go up and all you will have accomplished will be taking away and paving over an area that was once a simple, beautiful, easy, laid back, uncomplicated happy space.

I support Option B.

Teresa L. Menke
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San Diego, CA 92106

From: [Luz Kendrick](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 10:59:48 AM

To whom it may concern,

As a San Diego citizen I feel it is my duty to express my appreciation for Fiesta Island. It has been a place that I can allow my dogs to roam and interact with other dogs. It has built up a community of owners who love their pets and remain active with them. In support of Option B, please establish Fiesta Island as a dog park for the benefit of San Diego citizens and their pets.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Shirley P](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org; [Councilmember Christopher Ward](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 7:40:15 AM

To City Council,

Fiesta Island is an amazing and unique place for dogs and their owners, there truly is no where else in the world like Fiesta Island. San Diego residents, both with and without dogs, have been enjoying this park/recreation area for years. I also enjoy riding my bicycle around Fiesta Island on a regular basis, without feeling like my life is in danger of getting hit by a car. People drive from all over the county and even Los Angeles just to visit Fiesta Island as it is a rare and special place. Making any changes to Fiesta Island would be a terrible mistake. Please leave FI the way it is and protect this unique recreation area.

Thank you,
Shirley Pereira
San Diego

From: [Heather Graves](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:32:42 PM

I support Option B. Please allow us to keep Dog Park the wonderful way it is now! -Heather

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan Weiss](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 1:23:59 PM

Hi!

I'm writing today to support Option B of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan in regards to the Fiesta Island amendment. This is a wonderful area for families and their pets to relax, hike, take a stroll on the beach, and exercise in the middle of the city. There is absolutely no other place like it, and it shouldn't be destroyed by over-development.

Thank you so much!
Dan Weiss
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From: [penny Lund](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update - fiesta island amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 8:17:55 PM

Sent from my iPad

Please let dan Diego keep the dog (and horse) park that is a homegrown treasure. Please do not fail our community of dogs and dog lovers.

Please don't let profit rule over humanity.

From: [Heather Graves](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 8:04:56 PM

Heather Graves, 3929 Arizona Street, Apt 3, San Diego, CA 92104

I support Option B. Please allow us to keep Dog Park the wonderful way it is now! -Heather

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lydia von Gohren](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017 7:47:53 PM

I support Option B.

It is important to me to have this wonderful, huge off-leash fenced area that is safe from traffic and on the water, and having the area turned into an amphitheater is ill-fitting for that part of the bay. My family loves to walk with our dog Nixie for the exercise and to feel safe there with her off leash. Having a road through that area would be dangerous. SD shouldn't have to bear the expensive burden of changing something that isn't even wanted/needed and leaving the island alone will cost the city nothing.

I support OPTION B.

Lydia von Gohren

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Lydia von Gohren
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From: [Annemarie Selaya](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57:21 PM

I Am in support of Option B. My dogs and I have long enjoyed Fiesta Island as our weekend destination. Thank you!

Annemarie Selaya
4670 El Penon Way
San Diego, CA 92117

From: [Christie Golemb](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - fiesta Island
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:06:59 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of option B.

Typically, my dog and I use the dog area of Fiesta Island – the southwest section of the Island – twice a week. I live in Kensington. I love the fact that we can both get exercise. Especially in the summer months when it is too hot to take Harley to Mission Trails Park and the only time to use a dog park is early morning. I also really like how large the park is. Harley and I stay along the beach area as she loves keeping cool in the water. My dog is not particularly child friendly and the large area makes it easy to move away from the few children who venture into the area near the water. It is very hard to avoid them in a small dog park or typical dog beach area. Many dogs are not child friendly. If you put a children’s play area anywhere near the dog off leash area, this will result in more children in that area. Kids have plenty of parks and play areas around Mission Bay. Dogs are not so fortunate. I have two young adults, so I am not one of those dog owners who thinks that their dog is their child. Fiesta Island is one of our “happy places” and I would hate to see that disappear.

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From: [Karin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; [Karin](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 11:18:52 PM

I love taking my dogs to the Fiesta Island dog park! I live in Tierrasanta (10732 Escobar Drive, San Diego, CA 92124) and I've tried many dog parks in San Diego, but once I found this one ago, there was no going back. It is *incredible* because it is very large, very unique, and very peaceful – a totally different experience from any other dog park. Instead of just being for the dogs, it's for me and my whole family. I take a long, long walk all the way around, from the parking lot, to the water, along the beach, up on the sandstone across from Sea World, and all the way around near the old water ski ramp -- and I almost always bring family and friends. We bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. From my youngest, age 15, to my 81 year old mom, we all go to get our exercise and enjoy nature. My kids love inviting their various friends to come along. Whenever extended family visits from Seattle, I take them there too, and it's always one of their favorite things to do – outdoing spots like the zoo or Sea World or even the beach – because it's one of the few places left in SD with room to breathe in the summer! When it's hot we can walk right into the water and cool off, too. (Side note -- When I visit Seattle, they have multiple large dog parks around lakes to choose from, but we just don't have *anything* like that in this entire city except Fiesta Island). It becomes a nature walk with beautiful views and a lovely breeze. It's quiet. NEVER too crowded! Dogs finally have a large area to run free and bound into the water -- a beautiful sight! Putting a road across and increasing visitors, drivers, or shrinking the area would change all that dramatically. NOOOO, please don't! We need Option B -- leave this special, unique off-lease area intact and make it permanent! Thank you!

From: [Eric Strate](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 12:22:54 PM

Hello,

I support Option B. Keep Fiesta Island as it is today.

Thank you,

Eric Strate
13754 Mango Drive, #302
Del Mar, CA 92014

From: bethc8@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan update - Fiesta Island Ammendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:39:32 AM

I support Option B

I have been taking my dogs to Fiesta Island off leash park for over 15 years. It is the best place in San Diego to take dogs off leash as it is such a large area and dogs have plenty of space to play, swim or chase a ball without being harassed by other dogs. Typical dog parks are just too small to allow dogs the freedom to explore the environment safely. This is the only place I feel comfortable taking my dogs and that is largely because of the space there. Of course they love to swim as well!

Please preserve the best dog park in the country. We have enough tourist attractions, this is one place that the locals absolutely love, for their families, their dogs as well as watersports and athletics. All year long this place is very busy with all kinds of family oriented activities. It is truly a treasure! Please preserve this public space for the public!

Thank you,

Beth Coutts

From: [ML Taylor](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Ammdement
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:08:50 PM

A year ago our family (including our three dogs) moved from San Diego to the Eastern Sierra for retirement. The two things that we miss are our SD friends, of course, and Fiesta Island. Each time we have returned through this last year we always come back to Fiesta Island with the dogs.....usually two to three times per trip. I can't tell you how happy we all are to be on our favorite dog beach.

For years I have bragged to all our friends and family far and wide about the most uniquely beautiful and friendly environment for dogs and their people at San Diego's Fiesta Island. Many of those have visited and are now spreading the word also. Fiesta Island Dog park is a jewel in the crown that San Diego bears. Please, please do not ruin this wonderful area. I SUPPORT OPTION B!!!!

Sincerely,
ML Taylor
Lone Pine, CA
(formerly San Diego)

From: [Moonafari](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:26:23 PM

As a member of FIDO, I have been devastated to hear about the plans to get rid of the off-leash area of Fiesta Island. A nice fenced, safe area where we can take our furry friends for some recreation & exercise is very rare and it would be a great loss to so many of us if it were closed. It angers me when I think that our officials are only interested in \$money\$ and not caring about the residents of our beautiful city. I support Option B, as do all of the dog owners I know who live in Clairemont & Bay Park. We all use this area frequently - sometimes on a daily basis in the summer. Please don't take this cherished area away from us.

PC McCowan
5573 Mt. Acara Drive, 92111

From: [Randy Phillips](#)
To: [BLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: mission bay park master plan update - fiesta island amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 9:18:33 AM

Hello good people,

I am writing to encourage you to adopt option B in your consideration of the future of the Fiesta Island off leash fenced dog area.

I bring my dog weekly to Fiesta Island to let him run free, splash and swim in the ocean and to have an off leash worry free experience. I have travelled extensively with my dog and Fiesta Island truly is a unique environment. Not only for us lucky San Diegans but truly, I have met people who have come to San Diego with their dogs specifically for the pleasure of enjoying the beautiful and safe environment Fiesta Island provides.

Option A, which destroys the protected dog area with a road, seems to me to be short sighted and not in the best interest of tourists or the residents of San Diego. There are abundant facilities and choices for boat recreation and in my opinion, we certainly do not need another amphitheater or more fenced in areas. Fiesta Islands off leash area brings such joy to so many of us two-legged as well as our four-legged companions.

I implore you to adopt option B permanently and to not ruin a tremendously great and unique thing we have going in Mission Bay.

Thank you for your hard and thoughtful work for our city. And thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Randy Phillips and Kobi



From: [Linda Dosch](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 7:06:19 AM

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am in total support of Option B to maintain this space as fenced and off-leash and not divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater. This is the only space where I can let my dog off leash to interact with other dogs, run free inside the fenced area and generally have what she cannot have anywhere else. It is also the place where I can relax with her and not worry about the dangers of cars and trucks as she likes to chase cars and trucks!

Linda Dosch
3597 Hancock Street
San Diego, CA 92110

From: [Monica Farris](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park master plan update - fiesta Island amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 9:17:02 PM

As a resident of San Diego, your 92105, I am writing to support Option B for your consideration to the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area.

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

“Option B” includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
<http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely!

Monica Farris

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chip Milligan](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update - fiesta island amendment
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 2:59:46 PM

I am writing in support of option B regarding the mission Bay Park master plan update fiesta island amendment .

Fiesta island serves an important function for San Diego area dog owners, and it's a huge source of pleasure for sports enthusiasts, and those seeking nearby and free places to relax. As rough as fiesta island is I think it is a jewel in the heart of the city.

Please do not allow fiesta island to become divided by roads fences and the building of an amphitheater.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [ANN KEEGAN](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 3:31:05 PM

Dear **Rebecca Malone**,

Re: Meeting May, 23, 2017

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THERE IS INFORMATION YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE TAKEN IN CONSIDERATION!

After attending your meeting, listening to all that was said and asking questions about both plan A and B, in my opinion I believe that the island should stay the way it is and allow the people to use it the way we have been. My thought is that if it's not broken and it's working, don't spend money on it. If it were at all possible, I would reallocate the money to a much needed road improvement in San Diego.

If I had to choose between plan A and plan B, I would choose plan B.

As for the boating people, I understand they would like water access, but I don't understand why they want to access it in an extremely busy area. Across the water, by the boat dock and to the west of the boat dock there is plenty of space for them to be launching their boats. That area is currently not being used as it was intended to. The parking lot over there is usually empty and the taxpayers paid a lot of money to develop that entire area which includes places to eat and sit on covered benches and tables. This might be an alternative for them to ask for that area over there that has road access, plenty of parking and access to the water. If they want private access to the water, they should ask for that.

I see some serious problems trying to put a road to the dog park

that could become a very dangerous situation and a large liability for the city.

On the topic of a children's play place on Fiesta Island, across the water there is a very nice large area that is developed and currently in use for children. I also see serious problems with putting any area on the island specifically for children to play and go in the water. We currently are having problems with the animals that are playing in the water, they are getting very sick and having skin problems from all of the pollutants of motor oil, gas, etc. I find this to be a very dangerous situation and a extremely larger liability for the city. If you want proof just go to the island just about any day and see all of the foam and the oil slick around the island. The water where the children are playing currently across from the island is a lot safer and a lot cleaner than places on Fiesta Island.

I hope this gives you some insight on my opinions of the plans.

Sincerely,

Ann Keegan

From: [Nicole Field](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 02, 2017 9:14:48 PM

As a dog owner who visits Fiesta Island on a regular basis, I strongly support Option B and oppose Option A which would ruin the dog park, which is truly a wonderful and unique place for people and dogs. I am horrified option A is even being considered..

From: [Julie Kane](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:49:31 AM

Hello,

I am a resident of San Diego, and I am firmly against the proposed changes to fiesta island. It has functioned very well just as it is for a long time. There is no reason for it to be changed.

An arena sounds absolutely ridiculous, it doesn't seem like a very desirable camping area, and a road there sounds unnecessary, and unsafe.

I can see the value in setting aside some more space for preservation of bird species, but that's about it. The only thing fiesta island really needs is a decent bathroom facility.

Thank you,
Yuliya Kane

From: [Jesus Torres](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org; jsgurl0723@gmail.com
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - First Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 9:02:35 AM

Dear Planning Department - City of San Diego

Fiesta Island Dog park should be remain in place and be officially designated an off-leash park as is.

The park provides an outlet for my family, and of course our pets that no other park can provide. Our family and pets have made routine visits to the park over the last several years and have it enjoyed every single time. Our Pets enjoy the entire area, interact with other pets, and get good dose of exercise. In the same fashion my wife and I get plenty of exercise and meet other pet owners from all walk of life.

Before the city of San Diego considers others options for this area I would asked the city planners to evaluate those option from environmental and economical standpoint. Also if other option are being considered where can I find more information?

Thanks

Sent from iPhone (gmail)

From: [Catt Catterton](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update / Fiesta island amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 3:33:07 PM

To Whom it concerns,

I am against taking half of dog park, located on Fiesta Island, for something other than a dog park.

Thank You,

Catt

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ArtBox of Ocean Beach

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San Diego, CA 92107

“An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision.” FC

From: [Chelsea Dulaney](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update --Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 12:37:24 PM

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well! I am writing to express my belief in Option B.

I recently moved to San Diego from Boston. I have been here for 9 months. One of the reasons I made the big move was because of the amazing outdoor areas that are available for all people (and dogs!) I LOVE the Fiesta Island offleash dog park. I come here 3+ times a week with my dog, either after work or on the weekends. My dog loves taking off and being a wild woman (I like to call her,) running her energy out on the grassy fields and her favorite--beaches. The mission bay shoreline is extremely important to the character of the dog park.

When I am not with my dog, I come and run around the island. It is not too crowded and crazy, which I love. I never have a problem finding parking and the energy is positive and family-like. I love the fact that it is not super touristy either. I picked my new apartment based on how close I was to Fiesta Island. I LOVE IT THAT MUCH!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am hopeful that the Fiesta Island dog beach can stay around!!

Chelsea Dulaney

From: [Robert Hessler](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDO.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:03:22 PM

We have had two dogs for many years, and It has been our habit to take advantage of the off-leash on Fiesta Island island in Mission Bay in San Diego. We give them freedom along the beach on the west side of the island and return them along the paths among bushes back to the parking area. As you probably already know, all the dogs interact with each other amicably, and their owners also enjoy each other.

The important thing about this tradition is that the system works. We dog owners give our dogs a pleasant morning walk without anything other than ordinary interaction with the many other people who came there (with their dogs) to get some exercise to start their day.

You are now considering how the Fiesta Island could be “improved”. I’m pretty sure that most of the visitors, like me, would say that this area does not need any improvement at all. As is so often the case, the visitors themselves have put together a social interaction that perfectly serves the needs of dogs and their owners. I find it unlikely that your potential “improvement” plans will improve anything, and it would instead result in an unfortunate restriction in the enjoyment of the island for San Diego citizens who love their dogs.

Robert R. Hessler

From: [Ana Maria Rojas](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:24:18 PM

Dear City of San Diego,

It is with great passion and insistence that I ask you to adopt option B, in keeping the off-leash fenced area intact, and even increase it. My dog, Spartacus, and I have enjoyed this area for more than 8 years, attending faithfully every weekend. One of the benefits of its size is that dogs and owners can run and swim around freely without overcrowding, letting us enjoy the beautiful natural space and landscape.

Please don't divide this area with more roads or fences, or an amphitheater. So many of us San Diegans, as well as visitors, cherish and count on this area for our weekend recreation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ana Maria Wilmot and Spartacus.

From: [edward a janon](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 7:40:32 PM

Please keep the fenced off-leash area as is, without roads, fences etc. as contemplated. I support Option B, the FIDO plan.

Edw. Janon

From: [Carla C](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park master plan update- Fiesta Island amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 7:58:03 PM

Dear Planning Committee:

My name is Carla Christian-Knepper I support option B of the Fiesta Island master plan. I suffer from multiple sclerosis and I have 2 dogs that I take to the fiesta island off leash dog park almost 5 days a week to help me to get the much needed exercise and allowing me to take my 2 dogs without having to use their leashes that sometimes I can't handle.

I have told many MS patients like me of this wonderful dog park and several of them have gone and have also benefited from their visit to the park greatly as well. I have taken several of people that visit me from other states in the US and other countries to enjoy this park and all of them have loved it and they have gone back to their homes and told people at their homes.

This wonderful off leash park is not only safe for both adults but pets as well. It is the best in the nation and it gives San Diego another gold star as one of the best places to live and visit in the USA. I request that the city maintain the off leash dog park in Fiesta Island intact and enforce option B.

Thank you,

Carla Christian-Knepper
(619) 820-770

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Lauren Botuck](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 2:06:17 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you keep Fiesta Island intact with “Option B”. My husband and I are retired and take our 2 dogs to Fiesta Island several times a week. To have so much uninterrupted space to walk, and for our dogs to run is priceless - it wouldn't be the same at all if it didn't remain intact. My husband has had multiple back surgeries and is very limited in what he can do for exercise. Walking around the off-leash area of Fiesta Island has been his best physical therapy with the added benefit of being a family activity. As the different seasons go by we get to enjoy the greenery, then the flowers, and all of the water access when it's hot. They say Disneyland is the happiest place on earth, I disagree! I have always said that Fiesta Island is the happiest place on earth.

After living in Clairemont for 35 years we decided to move last year. The FIRST requirement for our new home was that it not be too far from Fiesta Island, and it isn't! Please PLEASE don't chop up this unique area of San Diego that so many love. If you decide on Option A, you will be taking away something that can never be replaced.

Thank you,

Lauren Botuck

From: [Nyree Van Maarseveen](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:51:42 PM

My boyfriend, Pete Camus, and I are writing to voice our support for Fiesta Island Plan - Option B. We love bringing our dog, Lily, to Fiesta Island. It's wonderful being able to let her run offleash on the fenced, back side of the island, and not have to worry about her escaping, it's a great walk for us, and a great workout for her. And, because of the spaciousness, we have never seen a dog fight at Fiesta Island (as opposed to Coronado, Balboa, OB dog beach, Del Mar dog beach, Dusty Rhodes, Grape Street). We bring our out of town guests here, and they are always amazed and impressed that San Diego has such a large beautiful area right on the water dedicated to dog lovers.

Please vote for Option B.

Sincerely,

Nyree Van Maarseveen and Pete Camus

From: [Devon Foster](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Ammendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 8:20:31 AM

To whom it may concern:

I strongly support option B of the proposed plan. There are so few large dog parks in San Diego and this is the only spot on the bay where dogs can run free. It is MUCH safer for them to play in the bay than the ocean and having a large area to run off-leash is crucial for their physical and mental well-being. On any given day there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people and their dogs at Fiesta Island. Adding a road would destroy the best dog park in San Diego and exponentially increase the potential for auto/dog accidents.

Please keep this space useable and enjoyable for walkers- human and canine!!

From: [Stephanie Schumaier](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:06:07 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please consider OPTION B in regards to keeping this area of Mission Bay intact and increase the fenced, off leash area. This area is vital for dog-owners and lovers of fresh air and open scenery alike. My furry friend needs to run and not inside a fence, as that scene causes her anxiety (such as at dog parks). In the spring, wildflowers turn Fiesta Island magical, and year round the scenery is unique. The foxtails could be managed better, as these are exponentially harmful to pets and there could be more doggy bags, as users of the area are keen to keep it clean. However, outside of those items I wouldn't change a thing.

In short, I support Land Use Option B. Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie Schumaier
300 Thornton Drive 6
Crest, CA 92021

From: [Todd J.](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 9:26:39 AM

I support and protect our fenced area on Fiesta Island and get it officially designated as an off-leash park by supporting FIDO's Option B

From: alex_merdinger
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 7:28:25 PM

I support OPTION B. Option B is environmentally friendly and will save us millions. This park is the only place near me where I can exercise as well as my dog get adequate area to run (unlike most dog parks). There's a perfect amount of space where people can spread out, and everyone is so happy there. There's already too many regulations to every beach in San Diego re guarding from leash dogs! I didn't get a dog to keep it on a leash! It would be a real shame to ruin something as good as this in our community. I depend on it daily.

Sincerely,

Alexandra merdinger

Sent from my iPad

From: [Genieva Davidson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 9:14:51 AM

To Whom it may concern:

I wanted to comment on the planning that is going on for the future of Fiesta Island. I believe Fiesta Island should remain as is and not be developed. Fiesta Island is one of the few remaining off-leash areas. Living in the city(92101), we need places that our dogs can be outdoors, get exercise, and have a space to develop social skills with other dogs.

This space is also important because it allows a space where my husband and I, friends, and even our bible study can come to get exercise on the paths as well. There are few large open dirt trail spaces left as other trails become developed as well. Living near Balboa Park, the trails there are on the freeway and overrun with homeless camps, that do not allow me as a small woman to run there early morning and evening and feel safe. Fiesta Island has become this safe space for me.

This space creates community among the dog owners of San Diego and we all take pride in this area. We all chip in to keep it clean and dogs are friendly here. Typical smaller dog parks can often come with more issues as the dogs do not have as much space to roam. Our puppy has learned many skills here and it is only due to the large unobstructed dog space and the ability to teach her how to run with me as well.

Environmentally, this space will change with the proposed amphitheater and trails. More people will come there, causing an increase in trash that currently, the dog owners do not leave. Leaving this park as is will save the millions of dollars the development plan will cause the city. This is why we support Option B and we oppose Option A.

Thanks,

Genieva Davidson

From: dogloversarah@sbcglobal.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update -Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 11:46:46 AM

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing today to encourage the planning department to please allow the Fiesta Island off leash area to remain intact, as is. As a San Diego native I have enjoyed and benefitted from this area for 17 years. 5 days a week my 2 dogs and I walk our 4 miles, breathing fresh air, allowing ourselves to look out on open land and blue bay. What a joy! No development, nothing but open skies and other like minded "dog people" with whom to interact.

Please support Option B. After years of trying to conserve water due to California's drought, the thought of water being brought in to water landscaping on Fiesta Island seems almost sinful. At the very least, completely unnecessary. Please allow the hundreds of people and dogs who benefit from the undeveloped off leash area to continue to do so. Again, please support Option B. Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Anderson
4138 Loma Riviera Lane
San Diego, CA 92110
619-224-4744

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab® S, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

From: [karen_enderlin](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [info@FIDOSD.ORG](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update -Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017 1:23:16 PM

My husband and I have been using the dog area on Fiesta Island for over 25 years. We love the leach free dog area where our new dog gets her energy out playing with other dogs and running into the water to fetch balls or sticks. I also love to go and run with her leash free and get a good 3 mile run in where she can run as fast as she wants not attached to a leash. Please do not divide and limit this wonderful area that is used by so many dog loving San Diegans.

Thank you

From: [Natalie Wharton-lake](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update- fiesta island amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:39:15 PM

To Whom it may,

I am a 15 year resident of San Diego , Pacific Beach and a business owner in Pacific Beach . I have been taking my dogs to fiesta island for years and years that those animals have since gone to heaven and I have a whole new crew. The dog park is so important to our community and to me personally as our dogs need a place to run and exercise. Fiesta is fantastic for both dogs and people alike . I will vote , cast my yes for keeping fiesta island as an amazing family experience for dogs and people alike with no change in the concept . Thank you for your consideration .

Sincerely Natalie Wharton -Lake

From: dbrite1@san.rr.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park master plan update- Fiesta Island Ammendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 8:35:13 PM

Hello!

Please please PLEASE keep Fiesta Island do able for the many dog owners and lovers here in San Diego by selecting Option B. Fiesta is the ONLY off leash place I bring my dog. I have found at other parks and beaches it's either confined, dirty or I have had bad encounter's with not so well trained dogs and owners. It's so big here and there is a place for everyone. I was born at Mercy and raised in Bay Park and my mom still lives there. I know the area is going to grow some, but the best part of San Diego is we still have places like Fiesta Island and the coast is not full of high rises like LA. We just let our football team go (diehard season ticket holders who have not missed a home game in 24 years, even with RYAN LEAF!) SO I'M BEGGING YOU, to help keep the many people happy from toddlers to people in their 90's who escape with our dogs on many days but especially now on SUNDAYS in the fall to help us deal!

My last 3 dogs were named after Chargers. We still have Winslow at 12.5 years old, and we recently got a pup (Sierra) and broke the charger name chain to cheer us up knowing our beloved bolts were leaving to the people infested, high rise, high crime, and always heavy trafficked city of LA.

That is why it's so important now to keep San Diego simpler and homey. We are counting on you!

Diane Brite

From: [Robin Dohrn-Simpson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:17:53 AM

Please support Option B for FIDO plan for Fiesta Island

I value having an open spot in the city to be able to take my dogs, where I too can get exercise and they can run free.

I value not having so much congestion on Fiesta Island that it makes it not fun - almost impossible to drive around the island.

Please do not add an amphitheater, more fences and all of that.

Please preserve the off-leash park. I take my animals there 2 times a week. I appreciate that I don't have to worry about foxtails.

I would like to see some public bathrooms for the humans.

I would like to see access to water for both humans and animals.

I would like to see a parking lot that doesn't have divets and holes in it.

Please preserve Fiesta Island.

Thanks-

Robin Dohrn-Simpson

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From: [Robert Hessler](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:09:38 PM

We have had two dogs for many years, and It has been our habit to take advantage of the off-leash on Fiesta Island island in Mission Bay in San Diego. We give them freedom along the beach on the west side of the island and return them along the paths among bushes back to the parking area. As you probably already know, all the dogs interact with each other amicably, and their owners also enjoy each other.

The important thing about this tradition is that the system works. We dog owners give our dogs a pleasant morning walk without anything other than ordinary interaction with the many other people who came there (with their dogs) to get some exercise to start their day.

You are now considering how the Fiesta Island could be “improved”. I’m pretty sure that most of the visitors, like me, would say that this area does not need any improvement at all. As is so often the case, the visitors themselves have put together a social interaction that perfectly serves the needs of dogs and their owners. I find it unlikely that your potential “improvement” plans will improve anything, and it would instead result in an unfortunate restriction in the enjoyment of the island for San Diego citizens who love their dogs.

Robert R. Hessler

From: [Marjorie Seybold](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Carolyn Chase](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:40:07 PM

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in favor of Option B of the master Plan for Fiesta Island.

My dog and I use the Fiesta Island off leash park almost every morning. It is the only area in San Diego where we both can exercise safely without concerns about traffic, ball games, etc. Since everyone can legally be off leash, I don't have to worry that I or my dog will have to face a loose dog, while my dog is on leash. This (illegally off leash dogs) is a situation I face regularly on the beach in La Jolla Shores.

Additionally, the area is environmentally important as open space without the need for RV hookups, camping spaces and other costly conveniences. It is also the home of many birds and other wildlife.

I strongly urge you to adopt option B.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Seybold

From: [andy freer](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: MISSION BAY PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE- FIESTA ISLAND AMENDMENT
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 9:15:56 AM

This email is in support of Option B for use of the Fiesta Island Dog Park. As a veteran of 32 years active duty and having lived in many locations, Fiesta Island Dog Park is the best in the nation. My family and I have made San Diego our home of record since 1960 and seen the strides made in making Mission Bay Park one of the great recreational areas available to the public. The dog park as it currently stands is the key dog park for most residents within the city if not the county. The island is a key recreational area for runners and bicyclists. Let's not ruin it with more development - it is one of the few undeveloped areas in America's Finest City.

Douglas H. Freer MD
CAPT. MC, USN (ret.)

From: [Siegfried Scheumann](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan update- Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 7:48:40 PM

Please designate the fenced area on Fiesta Island as an off leash park and change it to option B.

It is such a wonderful park for dogs and owners as well. There are not many places where they can run, swim and roam freely.

Thank you,

Doris Scheumann

From: [beachtw1](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta Island.
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:30:51 PM

OPTION B. Please. Thank you.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

From: [marye short](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update- Fiesta island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:19:32 AM

I am a long time user of Fiesta Island and I would like to express my opinion and vote for option B for the long term plan. A road down the middle of an off leash park really makes it unsafe for everyone. Thanks
Marye Short

From: [Ingrid Kirby](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park master plan update fiesta island amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:15:01 AM

My dogs and I visit fiesta island daily. Safe areas to walk in, access to water and cool air are important to me, since I have MS, and do not do well in intense heat. My friends and I firmly believe more roads, amphitheater will make the park uglier and more dangerous.. Plan B is not half bad.

Ingrid Kirby
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92105

cc:info @ FIDOSD.org

From: [Christine Springer](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update fiesta Island amendment
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:13:03 AM

Greetings, I live in the city of San Diego and would like to keep option B at fiesta island. I absolutely love visiting the dog park. It's a great place for me to hang out with my dog and get some exercise. It would be wonderful if we could control the fox tails. It would be great if you could keep all roads out of this area and limit the development. It's just a really peaceful place to come just like it is. Thank you very much

Christine Springer, 13684 Mar Scenic Drive, Del Mar, California, 92014
This is the city of San Diego address.

Sent from Christine Springer iPhone

From: [Carol Spengel](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 28, 2017 12:34:38 PM

Planning Board:

I am writing to voice my hope that the deciding members will choose to utilize Plan B when addressing any future changes to Fiesta Island.

I feel the adoption of Plan B would better preserve the natural beauty and openness of Fiesta Island and retain the special quality that only a natural park can give to the community.

I strongly feel that what Fiesta Island offers is more unique than the standard treatment of so many other tracts of coastline.

Please utilize Plan B, a less invasive approach, to one of our favorite San Diego destinations.

Sincerely
Carol spengel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Brita Lindstrom](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 3:25:14 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for FIDO's "Option B" regarding future development of Fiesta Island. The large area, 5F, that is currently a leash free area for dogs is a valuable asset to many dogs, dog owners, children and our community. I have enjoyed this area for the past 6 years with my Jack Russell Terrier. I'd like to summarize my observations of the benefits to the stakeholders:

- Dogs:** This is the only large area in San Diego that dogs can freely run and play in fields, on the sand, and swim in the bay. Many dogs do not benefit from the small areas that other dog parks offer. Most of the dogs that enjoy Fiesta Island leash free area are rescue dogs or dogs that require large space to run and play. I now know many of the dogs and have watched their behavior change from timid/frightened or aggressive to animals that can socially interact with other dogs and people. The large space and variety of terrain affords them the opportunity to gradually integrate with others. They are not forced to be in closed and small spaces, encouraging conflict. Many dogs, including mine, learn to swim in this park. Excellent form of exercise and endless entertainment. The physical and psychological benefits of this park cannot be underestimated.
- Dog owners:** The current leash free park provides an opportunity for dog owners to socialize their dogs to other dogs, children, and adults. Many of us cannot walk or run fast enough "on leash" to adequately exercise our furry friends. Also, the dog training classes that are frequently offered are very important. It is very difficult to find training classes with adequate space. Many public parks and schools do not allow off leash training courses, for public safety. Also, the benefits of long leisurely or not so leisurely activity is important to Public Health in general. I know that this is the only exercise many of the adults get - they have to get out and exercise their dogs. The owners can proceed at their own pace, while still keeping an eye on their dog.
- Children:** Many children are afraid of dogs. On numerous occasions, my dog has swam out to children playing in the water. Later, I find out, when the parents come to thank me, that their child was terrified of dogs other than their own. Well, they just played with mine for about an hour! This off leash area is frequented by responsible dog owners. Most of us closely watch the reaction of our dogs and that of other dogs and people. I have been able to identify the children who are afraid of dogs and take an active role in introducing dog and child via play (and with the permission of parents). My dog has spent endless hours in the water with children and the children laugh, scream with joy and have a great time. This gives the adults opportunity to relax and enjoy watching their children be entertained. The large areas

in the park allow the dogs to run past children or stop and enjoy affection. This allows kids who are uncomfortable with dogs an opportunity to gradually be introduced to all types and sizes of dogs. 4. Our community: Happy and well adjusted rescue dogs benefits the community. These dogs receive the exercise and gradual interaction with other dogs and people that is not otherwise available. So, they are better behaved when they encounter other dogs and people in public places. Also, I met a woman who moved from Arizona to San Diego "because of Fiesta Island's off leash dog park". Obviously, she enjoyed the physical and psychological benefits to her dog from this open area. She also stated that she was impressed that San Diego values dogs and saw this as a wonderful value statement.

The large leash free dog part is enjoyed by many dogs and dog owners. We have no other paces like this in San Diego. To limit the size or introduce cars, boats, motorcycles, etc.. into this area would significantly reduce the benefits to the users of this park. Many of us would not be able to use this space because of the potential for injury due to other than foot traffic and the confinement of animals in small spaces. The ability to socialize with our animals, play in the sand and water and fields with our dogs and enjoy these activities with other people and dogs makes San Diego very special. These activities to us are comparable to the importance of surfing, jet skiing, basketball, soccer, etc. that other people enjoy.

Please consider adopting FIDO's "Option B" to the future development of Fiesta Island.

Thank You,

Brita Lindstrom RN, MPH
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From: [Bethany Hamann](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 6:44:28 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I'm contacting you today in regarding to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan update specifically the Fiesta Island Amendment. I was not aware until recently that the fenced area for off-leash dogs was not formally recognized as a dog park by the City. I grew up in San Diego County, specifically Mount Helix, and have taken my dogs to Fiesta Island for my whole life. I use the park area frequently (2-3 times a week) to walk my 2 dogs off leash and get a little exercise for myself at the same time. It's the only place I know of along the water that allows me to walk greater distances without leashing my dogs. It's their favorite place in the the world and my favorite beach in San Diego because of that. To cut down the size or divide it would really impact my enjoyment and what's so unique about it. It's very therapeutic to be able to go exercise there and I would be just devastated to lose such a special place. I hope we can come together to formalize it as a recognized dog park and preserve it for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bethany Hamann

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Bethany Hamann
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From: [Chad Nelson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:47:55 PM

Hello, I live in Bay Park and use Fiesta Island 2-3 times a week. While I appreciate how there may interest in additional amenities such as swimming, play areas and a paddling facility. I would like to express my preference for "Option B". Anyone I take with me to the current fenced dog park at the southwest area of the island comments about how wonderful and unique it is. It really is both. Most people walking their dogs utilize the shoreline of the island. It is such a blessing to have so much area for my pups to run through the water and swim safely. And they really do love to swim, which has been great now that they are aging, and I attribute them aging so well to how much they are able to exercise at the Fiesta Island dog park. While there are plenty of high use trails zig zagging through the middle of the park that runners utilize, I believe more people would take the opportunity exercise with their pets if something more established meandered through the park, especially if the view were to be broken up with non native vegetation along the trail and throughout the park. The size, location and beauty of the current dog park makes it special and notable. I would hope that any development would enhance the park in its current use. And, as I'm sure you are aware, the foxtails are a problem and represent a significant risk. I am not even sure how the city could address that problem, but it would go a long way if there were a way to eradicate foxtails from the southwest section of the park. Thank you for your time and your interest in developing one of San Diego's most unique features. - Chad Nelson

From: vicky.mann
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update
Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017 4:54:33 PM

Hello,

I am writing this in support of Option B a described in the public notice for Fiesta Island.

What we have with the Fiesta Island is truly special and important for the San Diego Community! With over 48.5% of San Diegan's owning dogs, keeping our special places for our pet community is very important.

Thank you!

Vicky Mann
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San Diego, CA 92101

From: [Tyler Smith](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:57:02 PM

Hello whomever this may concern,

Please protect fiesta island! San Diego is known for its perfect weather and the coastal culture. It is very much the place to have an active lifestyle, and this is the same for our pets. Fiesta island has a huge draw for all dog owners and is extremely helpful in the process of socializing our dogs and burning out their out some of their energy. Please reconsider developing this area that we all love and cherish as much as our four legged friends.

Thank you.

Tyler Smith
520.301.5779

From: [ML Datta](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:04:04 PM

Dear Planning Committee,

I drive to Fiesta Island with my dog every Saturday to make use of the off leash areas and dog park. My zip is 92130 and I live in Carmel Valley, so it is a bit of a drive, but the area is so unique. We often attend a dog training and then my dog (chocolate lab) loves to go in the water. Typically I exercise by jogging around the park with my dog by my side.

Access to the shoreline is important to me and it is vital to have a large off leash area. I believe that Option B fulfills the longterm interests of the community and the Fiesta Island Users. I believe it also reduces the environmental impact of the public use of the land.

Sincerely,

Merrilyn Datta

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San Diego, CA 92130

From: [Charles Ewell](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:56:54 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been living in San Diego since 1984. One of the best additions since I moved here is the beautiful, fenced area on Fiesta Island where my dogs and I can exercise. Now I understand that there is a proposal to change it! Of the two options that are being considered, I encourage you to support Option B. I think the city should keep the off leash area intact as it is.

Thanks for your consideration.

Charles Ewell

From: [Michael Harter](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 1:57:26 PM

As relative newcomers to San Diego, we have thoroughly enjoyed our discovery of Fiesta Island Dog Park. Frequently, we take our young puppy to the park for exercise and companionship with other dogs. The expansive fenced in area provides a picturesque and secure place for our dog's activities. We live at The Sanderling, 1145 Pacific Beach Dr.,SD, 92109 and are but a short ride from the Park.

We are pleased that the City will be improving all parts of Fiesta Island. However, we request that Option B be included in the Master Plan and not Option A, primarily because Option B provides an overall increase in the size of the fenced, off-lease area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the planning process.

From: [Connor Armstrong](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:46:20 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a citizen of San Diego and I frequently go to Fiesta Island specifically to take my dogs to the dog park there. It is such a wonderful, beautiful place for both me and my dogs to exercise. I understand that a notice was placed proposing changes. After reviewing both options that were offered, I would recommend that you vote for Option B. The size of the dog park is very important. Many, many people use it! I want it to stay intact and not divided by a road, fences or anything else.

Thanks.
Connor Armstrong

From: [VALERIE EWELL](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 4:11:46 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I understand that the Environmental Review and Coastal Commission Review are scheduled in the near future. As a citizen of San Diego who uses Fiesta Island frequently I would like to have the off-leash area intact without the roads, amphitheater, fences, etc that the city plan has placed in the area. Please allow it to remain an open and contiguous area where people and dogs can exercise.

Of the two options in the Public Notice, I would like for you to adopt Option B and keep the current fenced, off leash area intact.

Thanks so much.

Valerie Ewell

From: [Pam Rice](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, May 14, 2017 5:18:24 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a San Diegan who uses the fenced off-leash dog area of Fiesta Island most every day. It is such an important area of San Diego and adds to every dog owner's quality of life. I hope there will not be any changes to it! I saw the public notice and I hope that you will support Option B and leave the area as it is!

Thanks.

Pamela Rice

From: [Tom Hanselmann](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update--fiesta island amendment
Date: Saturday, June 03, 2017 4:31:10 PM

Dear Planners,

According to Time magazine, 44% of families in the U.S. include at least one dog. That's a canine population of at least 80 million.

We in San Diego are fortunate to have the "best dog park in America". That isn't due to luck or coincidence, but rather because to an extraordinary degree we care about our city and our people and our pets. But now our exemplary status is under attack from the usual suspects: the greed of the business community.

The argument will be made that there is room for both dogs and development on Fiesta Island, that half a dog park is good enough, that a win/win settlement can be reached between dog owners and developers. That argument is flawed. There is a reason New York City has resisted selling off pieces of Central Park, the most valuable real estate in America, to developers. That is because the citizens of NY realize that ANY decrease in the Park is a dangerous diminishment of the unique value of the Park.

Fiesta Island dog park is unique in America largely because it is a large park generously devoted to the health and happiness of dogs and their owners. A reduction in size of the park would dangerously diminish its value and uniqueness and the status of San Diego.

One cannot reduce the size of many items and still expect that at least some of their value will survive. One can't eliminate half the Statue of Liberty, or half a Mozart symphony, or half a Monet painting, or half of Central Park and still claim that the remaining half is still good enough. So it is with the Festa Island dog park. San Diego's unique accomplishment would become just another routine run-of-the-mill over-crowded space.

I urge you to protect one of America's and San Diego's treasures by adopting plan B. Once the Fiesta Island dog park is reduced, it's uniqueness and extraordinary value will be gone forever. Once diminished, the park can never be restored.

Thanks,

Thomas Hanselmann
92117

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marcia Bookstein](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:44:59 AM

Dear Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner,

All of my dogs over the past twenty years and I have enjoyed running free at Fiesta Island in the fenced, off-leash area. My current dog, Lady Bird, assists the younger dogs in their first encounter with the ocean. She shows the frightened dogs that there's nothing to be afraid of, that the water is a playful friend.

This area gives us dog people the freedom and peace of mind to roam at will, play with whomever is suitable, and avoid the dogs we don't enjoy. This is a special and unique place where we feel safe and free. Please let it remain that way. There are many places that can be developed and that are already developed. Allow the innocent, the loving companions that we have in our lives to have this space for all time. What a gift that would be!

I urge you to adopt Option B for Fiesta Island.

I am grateful for your consideration.

Yours, Sincerely,

Marcia Bookstein
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La Jolla, CA, 92037

From: thanselmann@cox.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: mission bay park master plan update--Fiesta island amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:53:20 PM

Please support option B and keep the Fiesta island dog park as it currently exists.

I use the dog park at least 3-4 times each week. The happiness level of all users, people and dogs, rises dramatically the moment one passes through the gates of the dog park. The joy exhibited by dogs who have the opportunity to run unrestrained cannot help but be perceived by the people who are present, and the owner's spirits rise accordingly. Part of the value of the Fiesta Island dog park is that it is unique in all of America. It is indeed a national treasure which happens to be located in San Diego, and we have an obligation to see that it survives. At a time when parks are often being sacrificed in the name of "progress" or "business opportunities" or "enhancement of entertainment goals", it would be a real shame if San Diego caved in to yet another commercial enterprise and destroyed any part of a rare and fragile park devoted to dogs.

We have watched treasured marine life become rare and extinct when people motivated by self interest initiate schemes of "progress" on a fragile environment. We have witnessed cities accommodate the requests of developers time and again by giving away treasured resources on the false rationale that giving up half a park won't hurt much and that each of two interests can be maintained.

But the truth is that one cannot keep a unique and significant treasure by giving up half of it. There is no acceptable compromise. Cutting the Mona Lisa in half or destroying half a Mozart symphony or tearing down half the Statue of Liberty, or dividing Yosemite in half does not maintain the significance of these treasures. Each would lose much more than just half its value. Likewise, there is no win/win solution available when half of a unique dog park is lost to make room for a new business project.

Please resist the temptation to try to achieve two goals by giving in to the false rationalization that the dog park will be "almost as good" if it is cut in half. Much more than merely some land on a map will be lost. Keep San Diego a leader and a wonder among large cities.

Thomas Hanselmann
San Diego

From: [kimberly glenn](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan update--Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:22:05 PM

Given the intention of the plan, my family feels strongly that Option B meets your long term goals better than Option A.

We use Fiesta Island regularly, we believe that for citizens of San Diego access to the Mission Bay shoreline is important and we want the area to stay intact for exercise and recreation and not be given over to development with roads and fences.

Again, we urge your support of Option B.

From: [Aida Johannes](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Fiesta Island Dog Owners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 7:54:11 PM

Once this open space is gone, it's gone FOREVER! Fiesta Island's dog area is the only off-leash area I know about in the San Diego area, that is safe and large enough to accommodate many people and their dogs.

This area should be kept intact for all the dog owning taxpayers.

Aida Johannes

aidajoh64@gmail.com

From: [Jacqueline Higgins](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:26:17 PM

I support Option B for Fiesta Island.

I'm writing in concern for the off the leash dog area at Fiesta Island. There are very few large areas in San Diego City and County where dogs can run distances off the leash. Fiesta Island is a tremendously unique asset for dog owners and should be preserved as an uninterrupted continuous off the leash dog area without the intrusion of vehicular roads.

The increased impervious surface area of roads on this island will disrupt and change the storm water patterns unnecessarily. These newly proposed impervious road surfaces will increase storm water run off directly into our bay.

The newly proposed roads on Fiesta island in Option A are extremely restrictive for off-leash dog owners when off-leash dog areas are already very limited around the City and County.

There is already a brand new boat launch ramp directly across the water from Fiesta Island on the south side, therefore the newly proposed launch area for small water crafts on Fiesta Island is redundant and unnecessary.

Not all "developed" parkland should be manicured. Fiesta Island should be maintained as native habitat wild land that requires very little maintenance or watering.

Please support Option B for Fiesta Island.

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To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](mailto:PLN.PlanningCEQA@pln.org)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update-Fiesta island amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:44:00 PM

I am in support of FIDO's option B. I have a rescue dog that I have been taking to Fiesta Island for at least 6 months. We have an awesome routine, it's one of the best parts of my day. I have a break mid day and I pick her up and we go to Fiesta. There is truly no other place like Fiesta Island for both dogs and humans. You step inside the gate and start walking and you look around and see the downtown skyline, the Coronado bridge, the beautiful bay and a gorgeous sunny sky. My dog can play with other dogs, chase birds, frolic in the water, and just sprint and be free. While I get to be in nature and find pure happiness in watching her be happy and get exercise as well. How many places can you go that your dog can have so much land to run and you can get exercise?? I can't think of any. By the time we get to the car I have walked over 2 miles and my dog is tired, but happy. What a great mid day for both of us. Most weekends we are there at least once. I want Fiesta Island to stay intact because it's a special place for my dog to be able to run, to be a dog, to get in the water if she wants, to chase birds, to have fun! Dividing it up would be very sad for the dogs and humans. It would leave less room for the dogs to run and for the humans to exercise. The size of Fiesta Island as it is now is special and rare. It's a place for dogs to come play and for humans to be in nature and exercise. It's my dog and me favorite place to go together.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Catherine Cox and Aria

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan B](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 8:38:50 PM

Dear Planners,

Regarding the development of Fiesta Island, I urge you to please adopt Option B. My dog and I are regular visitors to the off-leash area on Fiesta Island. Please keep it intact. San Diego is such a wonderful city. But Fiesta Island is the only place where I can safely enjoy Mission Bay and it's environs with my buddy off-leash. Please don't destroy this wonderful treasure for us and for other owners and their dogs; please adopt Option B.

Thank you very much,
Susan Berman (& Dax)

From: mrsломadden@aol.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:25:37 AM

TO: Ms. Rebecca Malone
Environmental Planner
Planning Dept. City of San Diego

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment

Dear Ms. Malone,

I am writing in support of Option B of the Fiesta Island plan amendment.

In the 1970's and early 1980's I was a regular runner on the Fiesta Island roadways. Now, I am a frequent walker in the off-leash area with my dog. I walk there with my dog because it's a large, open area, unlike my neighborhood. In my neighborhood, I stop at every street corner and wait on traffic, before continuing. This stop and wait, then start and stop again does little to exercise my dog or get my heart rate going. The off-leash area does multi-duty for me; I walk around 1 ½ miles each time. This helps my personal health battle with hypertension and weight. And it tends to wear my dog out; a tired dog is a good dog in my experience, and well-behaved dog citizens are good for the public. When we walk around the shoreline and through the interior of the island, the bay views and the open sky refresh my spirit. Both my physical and emotional well-being are enhanced by these mini-adventures on Fiesta Island. This area provides me with a different park experience than the manicured grass and concrete tables and parking lots of east Mission or Crown Point. I enjoy Fiesta Island precisely because it is not developed or programmed with hardscape. It is a small oasis in the middle of a large city.

I have several concerns and areas that I believe the EIR should evaluate for both Option A and Option B.

First, the very southwest portion of the island is a Least Tern protected space. Option A would add grass, a playground and a swimming beach which could contribute to added trash, waste and food in this area, drawing more predators into close proximity to the Least Tern area. Option B does not add these kinds of features that would encourage more predators near the protected terns. The

concern is that predators would eat the Least Tern eggs and chicks. In fact, if my dog is any indicator, food waste and even some debris gets picked up really quickly in a dog area. Yes, debris or trash; she picked up a deflated soccer ball once which we played with until we reached a trash can for disposal. The Options must be evaluated for the potential to impact the terns.

Second, Option A shows two large sections of turf, which requires lots of water. Option B does not add grass and trees. In 2014, I opted to remove grass in my yard due to the drought and the ballooning of my water bill from the City of San Diego. I not only reduced the grass area, but also eliminated large trees and shrubs that were water hogs. They were replaced with drought tolerant plants and ground cover. My old-fashioned water spray irrigation system was removed and replaced with a drip water system. My yard is now much more environmentally sustainable and my water usage was cut by more than 50%. So, if that's good for my home, and the City of San Diego encourages water-wise planting, why would we want to add grass and trees on Fiesta Island? And where would the water come from? The nearest reclaimed water supply is near Rose Canyon and Highway 52. These options must be evaluated for the cost to construct extensive landscaping, water infrastructure, and the cost to maintain over time the landscape and water system. Option B is a sustainable and low impact plan to implement.

Third, Option A adds redundant facilities at the shoreline: a swimming beach, boat launch and storage areas. I say redundant since right across the channel sits South Shores with a huge swimming beach, picnic pavilion, boat launch, lots of paved parking and even bathrooms with running water—all of which are virtually unused. Option A would cost millions to create. The area needed to grade to manufacture a new beach is quite large. What are the environmental concerns about this grading? What kind of sand would be required to make a new beach? And where would the “foreign” sand come from and what is the impact using it to create a new beach? These issues must all be evaluated. Option B creates none of these potential negative impacts.

Fourth, the proposed city plan Option A adds an amphitheater for special events. This highlights a lack of an organic planning process for Mission Bay. The South Shores plan includes an amphitheater, which has never been completed. Now, Fiesta Island Option A has added a second amphitheater right across the channel.

And, as an observer and participant in the De Anza Revitalization Planning workshops, an amphitheater is also included in that area. Really? Three amphitheatres in Mission Bay? The cost of a special events amphitheater and the construction involved seems un-necessary for one site, let alone three. Option B does not add this feature.

And finally, traffic on the island continues to grow as island usage grows and special events close the island many weekend mornings. The causeway entry to the island currently is one lane in each direction. This area must be improved for safety and ease of entry and exit. This is one area where money could be well spent to improve access. Idling cars emit more greenhouse gases as people wait to come and go; air quality is a critical issue to evaluate in the Master Plan. Traffic and the causeway entry must be evaluated for pollution and safety in the overall Master Plan for Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Debra Madden

1611 Alta La Jolla Drive

La Jolla, CA. 92037

From: [Aida Johannes](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [Fiesta Island Dog Owners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 7:41:59 PM

Aida Johannes

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From: [Martha Feltman](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:16:13 AM

Hello,

I am in support of "Option B".

I am a former resident of San Diego and have been visiting the city with my family every year since 1992. Part of our routine each year was taking my friend's dogs to Fiesta Island. As a dog owner myself, I was always so envious of this amazing space for dogs to run free and swim, and for dog owners and dog walkers to socialize. This is a truly unique space, unlike anything I have seen in any other city.

Naturally, we also visited many of San Diego's beautiful parks during our visits. There were so many to choose from, we never had time to visit them all. San Diego has plenty of parks, but no other open spaces where dogs can run free.

In my opinion the creation of grassy parkland which will require watering as well as chemical treatments is irresponsible. Reducing water use citywide should be San Diego's highest priority.

Respectfully,

Martha Appelbaum

From: rwhite29@san.rr.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:55:02 PM

HELLO This is Ruth White I am a concerned pet owner who supports Option B in making this area an OFFICIAL DOG PARK. I have frequently used this area as has my daughters and we really want to keep it an open and FREE OFF LEASH AREA. Please listen to those of us who appreciate this area and want to keep it the way it is for generations to come. Thanks for your attention to this matter. Ruth White rwhite29@san.rr.com

From: [Michael Warfield](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:47:11 PM

I attended the Scoping Meeting on May 23 2017. After visiting the information stations, I am strongly in favor of **Option B**.

It provides the best way to reduce negative environmental changes associated with unnecessary development of the park. Building a road requires landscape-changing grading and paving which would increase traffic and thereby increase more air, ground, and water contamination.

The South Shores boat launch is just a short distance across the channel and already includes a huge bathroom facility along with plenty of parking and boat launching, a beach area, and a traffic light at Seaworld Drive. The infrastructure is already in place for the dog park and boat launch so the cost and environmental impact of leaving them alone and designating the open area as a dog park is extremely small. Also, roads and dogs don't mix.

The Jet Ski enthusiasts already launch from Fiesta Island as do the paddle boats, kayaks, water skiers, and wind sail boards. The Youth Camp launches canoes and already has boat storage. Utilizing what already exists is the best way to develop the shared interests of all the users of Fiesta Island and maximizes the efficiency of taxpayer contributions that are designated to improve and maintain Mission Bay Park.

Sincerely,
Michael Warfield



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From: [Cindy Schuler](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 2:08:32 PM

I have been a regular, on average six days a week, at the Fiesta Island dog park for the past eight years. There is a reason it was voted "The Best Dog Park in the USA". The beauty of this dog park is it's size and the ability of dog owners to get exercise with their pets. Breaking up this area into smaller fenced in areas defeats this purpose. My husband and I have been doing an informal survey of people we meet at the dog park. When asked what changes they would like to see, 99.9% of them responded, "Don't change a thing".

Given plan A and plan B I would support plan B but that even seems like too much. If given a plan C I would like to see the following:

- 1) Designate the fenced in area as a dog park in the Mission Bay master plan.
- 2) Pave the parking lot at the main gate and pave a parking lot by ski beach to prevent run off.
- 3) Put in permanent stairs at the south end of the west beach and at the west end of the south beach to prevent erosion and make it a safer access to the beach. That's it. Leave the rest of the dog park alone.

Concerns:

- 1) If you develop the island how do you handle increased traffic. With only one lane exiting the island you can already hold up traffic when trying to turn left.
- 2) Water quality. Putting a children's swimming beach on the south beach is ridiculous. What parent would want there kids swimming there. I don't even like my dog to drink the water. Putting a dock here would also be difficult given the tidal flow.
- 3) Tot lot. You can't have unleashed dogs and a tot lot and swimming beach for children.If you fence these areas you restrict the contiguous walking area for the dog owners. We have enough small fenced dog parks in this city. The large contiguous walking area surrounded by water on three sides is what makes this dog park so ideal.
- 4) Put the boat house at South Shores Park. You already have facilities there.
- 5) The foxtails have gotten worse since the grading and cutting down of the natural vegetation. Years ago the dog park would be covered with yellow and white flowers in the spring. These plants would grow 3 feet high and crowd out the foxtails and deprive them of light. I certainly do not want to get rid of the foxtails with toxic chemicals and risk my dog's health.

As for the rest of the island I really don't have a strong opinion but less development is always better. Where is the money coming from to maintain all of the new developments? I remember a few years back the city didn't even have enough money to maintain the fire rings and had to rely on private donations.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Respectfully,

Cindy Schuler
4312 Appleton St.
San Diego, CA 92117

Sent from my iPad

From: malinahi@gmail.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#); info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:37:42 AM

I visit Fiesta Island off-leash area every weekend. I want the area to stay intact for exercise and recreation. I adopt Option B.
Concern citizen.

From: dora.plascencia
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 8:44:06 PM

Hi my name is Dora M. Plascencia, I, reside at 2362 Servando Ave. #96, San Diego, Ca. 92154. I am writing to you, regarding, FIDO Fiesta Island of-leash dog park, Option B. Fiesta Island FIDO of-leash dog park is very important for me and my dog, Bozco. We would like, the Fiesta Island off-leash dog park, to stay intact, not to have it, divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater, etc. This off- leash dog park, is important, for human and dog exercise.

Furthermore, we use this Fiesta Island of-leash park, three-four times a week, which my dog and love to go and exercise. Not having the fear of my dog getting runned over by a vehicle . Having access to this Fiesta Island of-leash dog park, and the water is very important to me, because it provides me with good health. Being able to sit and enjoy the water with my dog, Bozco. Brings me, serenity, peace, calmness, and joy to view the ocean. And having my dog Bozco next to me, calms my anxiety.

I am voting for Option B. It is very important to me and my dog to have fenced-off leash area and it should be established as a permanent part of, Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Having, Fiesta Island of-leash dog park, intact in size assures, that my dog Bozco, and I have plenty of room to run and play safely, with other dogs.

Thank you,

Dora, M. Plascencia

From: kelly.shaw
To: PLN.PlanningCEQA
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 5:46:58 PM

To whom it may concern,

Fiesta Island and the dog park within have been a huge part of our lives since moving to San Diego. We love that we get to take our dogs to a big beach area that is fenced in. Since my dogs have been puppies, it has absolutely been our favorite place. We call it Disneyland for dogs and enjoy it about 2-3 times per month. And the joy on my dogs face when we are at Fiesta Island, is worth more than any money in the world. We love that we can get exercise, while at the same time wearing out some of our dogs' high energy! We take friends from out of town to Fiesta Island to show off how awesome our city is! Our lives would not be the same if this dog park did not exist.

We support Option B to keep the off-leash area intact. We need less development in our beautiful city so that people can enjoy nature with their 4-legged friends. There is really no other place like it and it is part of what makes this America's Finest City. It could use more upkeep on the fox tails, dry grass and shrubbery, but ultimately is a small price to pay for such a special piece of land.

This would be MUCH less costly than Option A and help keep the natural beauty of this city intact. We do not need any extra roads, fences or amphitheaters on Fiesta Island. Please look at the long term monetary value of not paying to unnecessarily develop more beautiful land.

We strongly support Option B and ask that you please do not take away one of our favorite parts of this City. Please leave it so that future generations can enjoy it as much as we do.

Sincerely,

Kelly West

From: [Jim Esmeyer](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:01:26 PM

Some times no plan is the best plan of all. Option B is the way to go. Don't ruin a good thing. Be smart.

From: [Roland Griffin](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:06:09 PM

I support Option B to preserve the maximum space for off leash dog use including access to the bay.

Roland Griffin. Bay Park

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nagler, Ivy](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:39:14 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly in favor of augmenting the Fiesta Island fenced off-leash area for dogs. I believe this is Option B per the article in the Beach Bay Press.

I think have a safe, large space where dogs can run and swim is a huge amenity adding to the desirability of the area. Pacific Beach also has one of the highest levels of off-leash dog citations and having this area offsets, in part, the urge to let one's dog off-lease on the ocean beaches (Tourmaline, Law Street, etc). I would use the area even more if it were kept free of foxtails, and had amenities like water and a hose for dogs. I would even pay a fee. Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley is an excellent example of multi-use, dog friendly peninsulas.

FIDO has posed questions in the same article and here are my answers:

1. Right now, I only use the area 1-2x month but if foxtails and road protection were greater, I would use it more.
2. Access to the shoreline is very important--my dogs mostly want to swim and I want them to be protected from the road when they do it.
3. Size is also important. Too small an area and dogs get more aggressive.
4. Foxtail eradication is a big issue. I do not let me dogs run free in the grassy area because of them.
5. I would really like the area not to be blocked by a road...I can't imagine how that would work.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on behalf of my husband and myself.

-Ivy

Ivy and David Nagler
1227 Tourmaline St.
92109
858-525-1691

From: [Sandie Nobile](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO Admin](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 2:44:55 PM

Good Afternoon,

As a native San Diegan and a long-time, frequent visitor to the off-leash dog park area at Fiesta Island with my Rhodesian Ridgeback, I feel compelled to comment on this subject. For full disclosure, I currently serve as the treasurer for Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO), a non-profit organization with approximately 14,000 supporters who are dedicated to preserving the current off-leash area as represented in OPTION B (FIDO's Plan).

The existing, 90-acre off-leash area at Fiesta Island is an oasis for people from all walks of life to exercise with or without their dogs. It is often referred to as "Doggy Disneyland." As a testament, the Fiesta Island Dog Park was recently voted by USA Today readers as the best dog park in the nation! Frequently, I meet people visiting this area for the first time and they are overwhelmed with how spacious and varied it is: you can stay on dry land, wade in the water, walk in the sand, or all of the above. You can choose to go a short distance or walk the entire, approximately two-mile area. That is why I **support adopting OPTION B (FIDO's Plan)** which will preserve the current off-leash area intact. To have this area divided by a road, amphitheater, and other amenities would negatively impact the thousands of people and dogs who use this area on a daily, year-round basis to promote a healthy lifestyle.

To quote from the Public Notice:

"The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement."

Clearly, OPTION B (FIDO's Plan) completely fulfills this intent, and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should support this conclusion, for the following reasons:

- It respects long term existing uses on the island: active human recreational area where owners openly walk, run and bike with their dogs. *Option A will divide the acreage resulting in smaller areas similar to the numerous neighborhood dog parks.*
- It reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use. *Option A will INCREASE developed parkland AND water use (amphitheater, road, grass areas).*
- It is economically feasible to implement: minimal improvements. *Option A will have significant costs for a new road, an amphitheater, and several other improvements, not to mention ongoing maintenance costs.*

The EIR should also address getting rid of, and managing, the foxtails which are so prevalent and detrimental to dogs.

Fiesta Island is a special place. It is unique. It is a treasure in the middle of a developed city where people and dogs can enjoy limited, safe solitude to exercise in a spacious, undeveloped area. It is one of the many reasons why San Diego is America's Finest City. Let's keep it that way by **adopting OPTION B (FIDO's Plan)**! Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sandie Nobile
La Jolla, California

From: [elizabeth ballinger](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update-fiesta island amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:36:56 PM

I am writing to ask you to please be in favor of plan B. I am a longtime homeowner in Pacific Beach, dog owner and lover of open space...

It is my opinion based on my observations of our area that we do not need to be using our remaining open space to plant more water thirsty grass. We have a lot of grass land in the way of parks and much of it is not fully utilized. On the other hand we have a shortage of areas where people can run their dogs off leash and also have access to the bay.

Southern California will always be in a drought with our continued growth. The use of more water and more fertilizers washing off into our bay is unacceptable and unnecessary. We have so many more pressing needs...streets, homelessness, etc. etc.

Thank you for your time, sincerely, Elizabeth Ballinger

Sent from my iPad

From: [Toni Craig-Cox](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission bay park master plan update-Fiesta island amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 8:38:18 PM

I am in support of FIDO's option B. I have a rescue dog that I have been taking to Fiesta Island for at least 6 months. We have an awesome routine, it's one of the best parts of my day. There is truly no other place like Fiesta Island for both dogs and humans. You step inside the gate and start walking and you look around and see the downtown skyline, the Coronado bridge, the beautiful bay and a gorgeous sunny sky. My dog can play with other dogs, chase birds, frolic in the water, and just sprint and be free. While I get to be in nature and find pure happiness in watching her be happy and get exercise as well. How many places can you go that your dog can have so much land to run and you can get exercise?? I can't think of any. By the time we get to the car I have walked over 2 miles and my dog is tired, but happy. What a great mid day for both of us.

Most weekends we are there at least once. I want Fiesta Island to stay intact because it's a special place for my dog to be able to run, to be a dog, to get in the water if she wants, to chase birds, to have fun! Dividing it up would be very sad for the dogs and humans. It would leave less room for the dogs to run and for the humans to exercise. The size of Fiesta Island as it is now is special and rare. It's a place for dogs to come play and for humans to be in nature and exercise. It's my dog and me favorite place to go together.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Toni Craig-Cox and Aria

From: [Marilyn Malcom](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: maredeb@san.rr.com; info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Updates - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:15:43 PM

Regarding the Mission Bay Master Plan as it relates to Fiesta Island and the off-leash area – I greatly support “Option B” which will maintain the “off-leash” area and our access to the shoreline. This area is important to all of the public who want clear access to the shoreline for many recreational uses, not only the many dogs and dog owners who utilize the area. Fiesta Island is a large parcel of land in Mission Bay Park and there is plenty of land for many different uses. Please keep this area open for “off-leash” use and do not reduce this space.

Thanks very much,
Marilyn Malcolm
Mission Beach resident

From: [Carol Jensen](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan
Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017 5:41:05 PM

Please keep the Fiesta Island Dog Park as it is now. There are so few places to take dogs for exercise. Also, citizens have the opportunity to walk in the fresh air right in the center of town. Many of us do not have yards and rely on this park for our dogs.

Please do not alter this park.

Thank you.

Carol Jensen
Native San Diego resident

From: [martha.morales](#)
To: [PLN.PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:53:23 AM

As a daily user of Fiesta Island I support Option B. Please, do not divide Fiesta Island with additional roads, fences or an Amphitheater. These are not in the best interest of the area and will disrupt my use of Fiesta Island for recreation, exercise and sanity. I go to the leash free area with my dog. Please don't spoil our special place. There are too few places like the leash free area of Fiesta Island and an overload of Civilly Engineered places.

Martha Morales
92117

From: footdoc@drkiper.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan--Fiesta Island
Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:42:53 AM

The cost of this modernization to bring sewage, elec etc, not to mention the amount of time that this disruption will cause to all who use the island is beyond my calculations. And what about how the change would affect the least tern area?

Fiesta Island should not be modernized. It is open space used by hundreds and thousands of people daily.

Dennis Kiper, DPM
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From: [Mary](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Masterplan Update
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:37:37 PM

Please support option B and Fiesta Island dog park as it is.

We recently moved to San Diego and were thrilled to find the Fiesta Island Dog Park. I don't know of any other place in the whole country that has such a happy place for dogs. In fact, the Fiesta Island area is the best thing that has happened to our dog! He gets a chance to run free, to play in the water or sniff out the intriguing smells all over, and he can socialize with other dogs without owners tugging on leashes.

Our dog and his people -- us -- all need and appreciate the great exercise available at Fiesta Island. It is large enough that it improves the health of both dogs and people. To reduce the park would be to reduce the dogs' sheer joy of running like nature intended, and would reduce the health benefits to dogs and their owners.

Fiesta Island as it exists now is a unique and remarkable area, a heritage of natural land that must be preserved as it is. To allow development on the island would be to reduce the little slice of natural San Diego, and to reduce the quality of life in this city. This is America's greatest city, partly because of this Island dog park.

Please keep it as it is, free and healthy and undeveloped. SUPPORT OPTION B!

Mary Lonsdale Baker
San Diego

Sent from my iPad

From: [marley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Masters Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:09:43 AM

Fiesta Island is one of the last remaining open space areas left in San Diego and Option B would best preserve this space. The off leash dog area was recently voted the best dog park in the nation. I walk the perimeter of the off leash area daily with my dog and have met many people from out of town who say how fortunate we are to have this full area for the dogs where you can walk uninhibited without the threat of vehicles or crossing a road. There are many who run and ride their bikes throughout the off leash area on a daily basis and people come from all over San Diego County to enjoy the peacefulness every day. There are also so many parks such as Mission Bay Park that regulate where and when you can bring your dog ON a leash if at all or risk being fined. This is a gem of an open space area that San Diego should be preserving. People from out of town always say they wish they had an area like this and this is what makes San Diego a great city.

There is currently a road that goes around the perimeter of the island which is heavily traveled particularly on the weekends. Once you are within the boundaries of the off leash area you are relatively unaware there is a road there. It does not make any sense to add an additional road which will greatly increase the noise pollution as well as exposure to emissions along with more traffic. The area is home to many birds besides that which is located in the least tern area as well as native vegetation that would be effected by the increased noise and potential hazmat issues. The additional road would disturb the current habitat and and construction in the area may increase the potential for release of toxic gases beneath the soil.

The main purpose of the road is to provide an area for a non-motorized boat such as a kayak and boat storage. A kayak can be put in the water anywhere around the island as seen everyday on Fiesta Island where you just pull over and drop it in the water. This is not necessary and carving an asphalt road through the area which will release chemicals into the ground does not seem worth the risk. The area around DeAnza Cove already has plenty of asphalt parking space where a boat storage area could be accommodated and a boat launch area.

The enforcement of regulations on Fiesta Island has also been lax despite the increase of use. I have observed campers which have been in the same spot for days as well as people drinking alcohol and leaving trash all over. Public safety issues are of concern already and where is the money coming from to maintain any additional structures etc in the area? I strongly propose you opt for Option B and preserve this area.

Thank you.

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From: [Mary Majors](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Mater Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017 6:27:41 PM
Attachments: [datauri-file.png](#)

May 29, 2017

City of San Diego, Planning Department

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I see the great benefit that Fiesta Island has been to the citizens of San Diego as well as local wild life, and I am alarmed about the adverse impacts that will be caused by the increased traffic in this area. These impacts include increases in air and water pollution, impacts to the environment of Fiesta Island, increased noise and decreased numbers of wildlife, some endangered if traffic in this area is increased.

I support Option B and keeping the off-leash area as is, with no additional roads dividing the area or other development. I utilize this area two – three times per week, both for my own exercise as well as my dog's. I am a frequent jogger, and my vet has advised that I cannot run with my dog on a leash based on joint problems my dog has. **Fiesta Island is the only place that I know of where I can jog, and let my dog off leash to go at his own pace and for a decent distance.** I am concerned I would no longer be able to use the area as I do now if Option B is not approved. I see many others utilizing the leash free area, and not only for dogs; I see many others exercising, enjoying water sports and fishing. I also have been an observer of the bird life and the marine life in this area, and have grave concerns about the impact that any further development of this area would have on the wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments **in support of Option B.**

Best Regards,

Mary A. Majors

4217 Mount Henry Ave.

San Diego, CA 92117

From: [susan_graceman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FiestaIsland_DogOwners](#)
Subject: Mission Bay Park Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 11:20:47 AM

We support Plan B because of the following environmental concerns:

San Diego is a desert and using water on a land fill such as Fiesta Island is wasting a precious resource

Adding picnic areas to Fiesta Island will

require additional city personnel to maintain the areas

draw rats, sea gulls and other creatures which will prey on the Least Terns

Fiesta Island is a jewel as is. San Diego needs to respect the wishes of the people who use the Island to walk dogs, surf sail, ride horses, jet ski, water ski and just play.

Thank you for you consideration,

Barry and Susan Graceman
7833 Via Capri
La Jolla

858 551 8435

From: [Susan Mcguire](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Park Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:02:47 PM

I fully support Option B. Do Not want the current free dog leash area changed in any substantially way, especially with a road dividing the area. I have used this area with my dogs and other dog walking friends for many years and enjoy the area as it is currently.

From: jpeters1@san.rr.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission Bay ParkMaster Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:59:50 PM

RE: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
We support Option B

My husband and I are both native San Diegans and in our 70's. We visit Fiesta Island fenced off-leash Dog Park at least 3 times a week, for our own health and to exercise our two large dogs. Plus we participate several times a year in Fiesta Island dog park clean ups, both in an organized group and individually.

Although there are other off-leash dog parks in San Diego, most of these are too far away, deficient in proper safety fencing, severely impacted by traffic and lack of parking, or too small for our large dogs to get proper exercise. Fiesta Island is unique in this respect, as it fulfills all our requirements and we are always able to park and enjoy our time there, even during the busiest seasons. Access to the shoreline is critical for us, as one of our dogs (Lucy) had surgery and a metal plate inserted in her left back leg. Because of her disability, her Vet has stressed the importance of swimming exercise. Fortunately Lucy loves to swim and spends most of her time at Fiesta in the water, which benefits her greatly.

We have observed on our weekly visits that the Fiesta Island fenced off-leash park is also used by a variety of people, and not all arrive with dogs. Most are there to just enjoy the unspoiled natural beauty of the area, which is in sharp contrast to the manicured lawns and cement sidewalks seen in other areas of Mission Bay Park. As you know, the dog park provides no available water so it does not impact City water supplies. Furthermore the few City services and expense the dog park requires, such as emptying the trash cans and occasional weeding, are certainly an economic bargain for the City.

We urge you to support Option B, the option that keeps our off-leash dog park intact. We feel that B is the Option that best fulfills the stated goals of the Public Notice, both environmentally and economically.

Sincerely;
Joyce and Ron Peterson

From: jork@juno.com
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Mission Bay Plan Update Fiesta Island Ammendment
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 3:32:09 PM

Hello,
I'm very much in favor of Plan B for the Fiesta Island plan.
Judith Mitrovich

From: [Ursula Kurrus](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Mission park update
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 6:14:41 PM

Option B

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Deborah Herrington](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [FIDO Admin](#)
Subject: MISSIONBAY PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE - FIESTA ISLAND AMENDMENT
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:33:41 PM

As an active voter and concerned citizen I support “Option B” for the Fiesta Island Master Plan update.

My family and I have used the park as our: Gym, mediation area, picnic and, most important or us, a place to go and take our pets(dogs in our case) and let them run free with us by their side. Our pets joy brings us great joy as well. We are representative of the thousands of people we have meet in the fenced off-leash area. We all are able to let out a deep relaxing sigh and take a few minutes a day letting ourselves and out pets connect with each other and others in the area.

This “stress reliever” is important to preserve in the heart of the 8th largest city who's ongoing development is taking precious open space that was once walking trails or parks or meditative views - for our sanity! It is exactly for this reason that I encourage, no insist, that the San Diego Planning group enact “Option B” for the Fiesta Island master plan. It is incumbent upon today’s planning leaders to keep the remaining open areas “open” and as undeveloped as possible for the use of pet owners as well as all citizens of San Diego. I see kids walking in the fenced in area with their parents an no dogs...just so a child can get out and get their hands dirty in a wide open area. I could cite many facts about how good pets are for peoples well being or how our city lags behind other “outdoor friendly” cities in our dog parks and open areas but those facts miss the basic point that people in cities just need some room to spread out every now and then.

I trust that my memo has conveyed my feelings as to what Fiesta island’s impact has been on my families life but also what impact the possible changes will have. I am happy to elaborate further or give a more detailed description of the impacts.

Thank You,

Deb Herrington

From: [Marilyn Zanchetta](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: MissionBay ParkMaster Plan Update,Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 10:31:10 PM

To Planning Committee,

I am Pacific Beach (92109resident) for nearly 40 years, I have utilized nearly every Mission Bay Park area over those years. I have traveled by many of the park areas thousands of times by car , via bike and via motor boat noticing the activity level for decades. In past 15 years I have taken dogs to the fenced off lease area on Fiesta many hundreds of times.

It is my assessment that there is no part of Mission Bay Park that is utilized more on a daily basis than Fiesta Island. Of course on weekends and especially in summer other areas can be mobbed but every single day of the year you can find numerous dog owners and bicyclists on Fiesta Island....at times when the entire rest of Mission Park is essentially with no one. The island functions extremely well without any need for any huge changes, I believe that only Option B makes any sense.

How many places can folks make that comment that a place gets maximum use without investing loads of money into it. The only negative comment I have about Fiesta is the amount of fox tails and the occasional water pollution. Another road or any development will completely destroy the uniqueness of this San Diego treasure.
Marilyn Zanchetta

Sent from my iPad

From: cre2@cox.net
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Misson Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:39:09 AM

I am submitting my request to keep fiesta island in its natural state. I am supporting option B. Sunday was my first outing with my dog to fiesta island. As a native San Diegan I visited there as a child but I forgot what a beautiful and spacious area this is. Pets have now become family members and it was wonderful to see how many people take their pets with them. You can literally park anywhere on the island and have your pet enjoy the day with you. I would hate to see this change. I felt my dog was safe in the area that was fenced and didn't have to worry about vehicles or bikes. I actually enjoyed the exercise too. I'm looking forward to future visits to fiesta island.

May 26, 2017

Ms. Rebecca Malone
Environmental Planner, Planning Dept.
City of San Diego, MS 413
1010 Second Ave, Suite 1200, East Tower
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Malone:

I'm writing in response to the proposed options that are on the table to alter what dog owners consider as "Fiesta Island Dog Park." I am in favor of leaving the current space allocated to off leash dogs intact. FIDO's plan (otherwise known as "Option B") accomplishes this. Judging from the reaction to the public hearing on May 23, there are many, many other dog owners who feel just as I do.

"Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for off-leash users. It would also place more stress on the environment by adding unnecessary amenities. Mission Bay Park is just down the road and has an excellent playground. There is no need to add one at Fiesta Island. Same with an additional boat ramp and other features proposed in Option A. I strongly oppose this option.

I belong to the Fiesta Island Dog Owners Meetup group. We regularly walk our dogs (I have 3 of them) on Mondays. I'm also a member of a Doberman Meetup group that brings their dogs out on the weekends.

My dogs relish ALL of the open space that Fiesta Island currently offers. We generally walk across the grass field from the parking lot, then down to the beach on the East side. All the while, our dogs are playing, running in and out of the water splashing and having a wonderful time.

After reaching the fence, we usually climb up the hill to the grassy area and sometimes walk back down to the beach (past the fenced in area). Other times we walk along the West side of the hill, then cross back mid-way to the shady trees where the dogs have a drink of water before we return to our cars.

This is a treasured time (for exercise, socializing, and especially for seeing how happy our dogs are getting to run around, play and swim in the perfect environment for them). As soon as I reach the Tecolote Rd. exit, my dogs become frantic with excitement because they are so happy they will soon arrive at their favorite place.

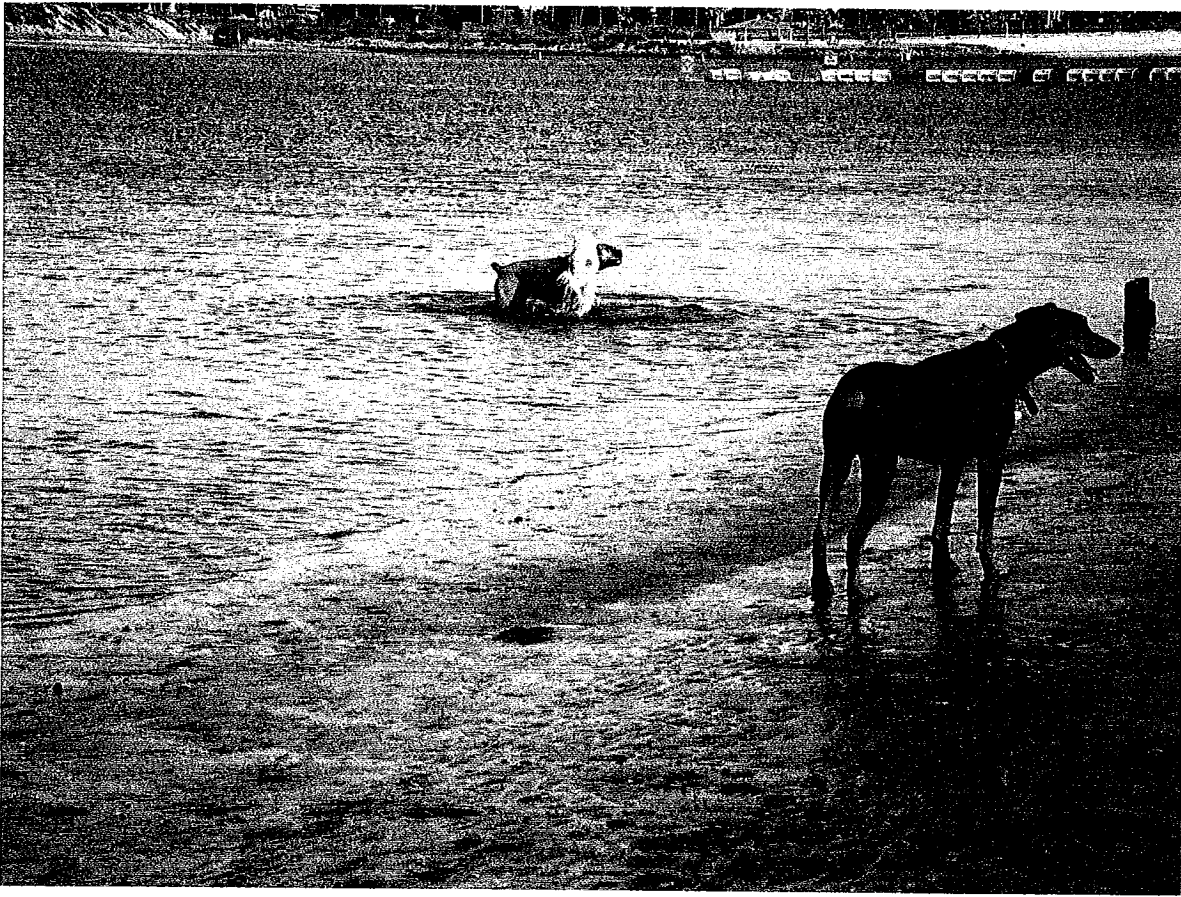
Many, many other dog owners utilize the site. It would be a major shame to infringe on the current space allocated to off-leash dogs.

I'm including a couple of pictures showing how much my dogs relish running in the field and playing in the water. I sincerely hope you make the right decision and leave the existing off-leash dog area intact.

Sincerely,



Darlene Oolie
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Spring Valley, CA 91977
(619) 992-0339
doolie@cox.net



Cujo is the Doberman, Xena is the Boxer + Molly is the little white mixed-breed.

May 29, 2017

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Thank you for your consideration of my comments **in support of Option B**.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary A. Majors". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "A".

Mary A. Majors

4217 Mount Henry Ave.

San Diego, CA 92117



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Comments: THE "SIMPLICITY" IS WHAT
PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT FIESTA ISLAND.
NO CEMENT BUILDINGS, A WAY
TO GET AWAY FROM THE CITY
WITHOUT LEAVING THE CITY. I
WALK MY DOGS 3 TIMES A
WEEK AND THEY LOVE IT. I
WISH THE CITY WOULD
JUST LEAVE THE ISLAND
ALONE. WE LIKE IT
LIKE IT IS!

Name ROBERT SINGLETON Signature Robert Singleton
Address 4077 DALLES AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA
92117



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Comments: ① FIRST AND FOREMOST; PLEASE LEAVE FIESTA ISLAND ALONE AND UNTOUCHED. CURRENTLY IT IS CONSIDERED THE BEST DOG PARK IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. WHY TAMPER WITH SUCH GREAT NOTORIETY? - SURELY NOT FOR PROFIT!

② WHERE ELSE CAN OUR DOGS RUN AND PLAY FREELY? IT HAS BEEN WELL ESTABLISHED THAT DOGS WHO HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR EXERCISE/FREEDOM BECOME AGGRESSIVE (AS DO PEOPLE!).

③ WE CERTAINLY DO NOT NEED MORE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, PAID PAVED PARKING, CAMPGROUNDS, ETC. UTILIZE THE PERIMETERS OF THE BAY FOR THESE.

WE DO NEED UNSPOILED, 'NATURAL' AREAS

Name SUSAN GEORGE Signature Susan George

Address 906 CHALCEDONY ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109

2555 Chalcedony St.
5th May 017.

To whom it may concern -

In question, Fiesta Island dog park -

Dear Sir/Ma'am.

The dog park should stay
as is.

Sincerely
William Collins



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Comments: I support adopting option B. FIDO believes that, properly done, the EIR should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the Options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place.

FOR THE RECORD, I believe the fenced, off-leash area should be protected and established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. This area is important to me, my dogs, and my friends and neighbors. As the organizer of 3 outdoor activity groups with a total membership of 9,033 members, decreasing the usable off-leash area will have a strong impact on many of us. For numerous years, I have been leading weekly dog walks inside the fenced in area at Fiesta Island. I have even paddled over to the fenced in areas with my dogs. Having the fenced area makes it safer for dogs to run and play on land and water. Over the years I have seen a strong increase in the amount of people bringing their dogs to this section of the beach. We should not be decreasing the size. If anything, we should increase the size of the area to accommodate the increase of users. The box tails should be destroyed and managed and the area should be kept intact for exercise and recreation for dogs and their owners. The area should not be divided by a road, fence, or amphitheater.

Name Andrea Zetores Signature Andrea Zetores

Address 8879 Keremeos Way SAN DIEGO CALIF 92126
Organizer of Southern California Camping + Hiking Cooperative
Organizer of Southern California Backpacking Cooperative

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Organizer of San Diego Cyclists.

AMY COOPER
&
WILLIAM LEONARD

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May 30, 2017

Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner
Planning Dept. City of San Diego, MS 413
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San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment

Hello Ms. Malone

We are writing to show our support for Option B which respects long term existing use, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement.

We have used the large off-leash area for our dogs for 7 years, and hope to use it for a long time. Living in an urban area, it's often difficult to find a park large enough for our dogs to roam and socialize safely in an off-leash area. Having a permanent off-leash area maintains an important sense of community. We've met folks from all walks of life (pun intended) and enjoy the "networking" established at the Park.

Going to the Fiesta Island Off-leash Park is an education for us and our dogs – we've met several horses (our rescued greyhound was fascinated), a rescued wolf from Montana (also there to socialize and adapt), and various pet-parents whom advise and lament about canine behaviors and medical conditions. Like humans, they need interaction and lots of exercise to maintain a long life. A few years ago, our then puppy learned to swim, in a dog life jacket, of course, with the help of other people's adult dogs (mainly lab-mixes, if you know dogs). It didn't take long, but she's a water lover now. Having access to the water and a large enclosed area, is essential to her size, she's considered "giant" at 120lbs. And our rescued greyhound, as an ex-racer, loves to run for the fun of it. Both need a large fenced area for adequate exercise.

Being able to substantially walk and run with our dogs in a large area, while being off-leash, is vital to our lives as well as theirs. Limiting access or acreage does not address the unique quality of the off-leash area. In fact it becomes unsafe and detrimental to both human and dog, alike, if Option A exists.

One final thought, having a pet(s) is now considered important to our society, and with the animal and rescue shelters nearly full, adopting a dog is just as important. **Please protect the large, fenced area where off-leash is considered wonderful and essential. It's San Diego's Finest Dog Park!** And some consider America's Finest Dog Park!

Please consider Option B under the Fiesta Island Amendment. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,


Amy Cooper & William Leonard

Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

My wife and I have been Pacific Beach residents since 1976. We have always had 2 dogs (larger breed types).

We are concerned with the thought of losing ANY of the designated leash-free dog area on Fiesta Island for our dog run exercises. The dogs, especially larger breeds, DO need to “unwind” and in the past, we have run them in several areas around the city. These areas are NO LONGER off-leash areas and we cannot use them. They are listed below.

1. Van Nuys Canyon (north PB canyon). The area around it has built up so much that a dog run off leash is no longer possible.

2. San Clemente Canyon (off Rt. 52). This area, which was once a beautiful area for off-leash runs, is no longer available for off-leash.

3. Kate Sessions This area at once was a great area for Off-leash exercise but is no longer available for off-leash.



So, currently the only “close by” areas for our larger dogs to run are: 1. Dog Beach (OB) area which is kinda small and limited. 2. Capehart Dog Park – very very small for larger size dogs to get ANY exercise. 3. Fiesta Island – outstanding area and contained also because of the berms at the edges of the bay.

I believe that the Fiesta Island dog run should NOT be tampered with at all. It was already voted one of the top dog run areas in the entire country. That, in of itself, should be taken into account when decisions are being made to CHANGE the area. How can the city receive such an honor for this area, yet be even thinking of modifying it in any way? This is on the internet and people visiting our “finest city” with a dog may certainly want to go to use it. It is a large area where dogs can certainly stretch their legs if they want. There are also some beautiful shade trees in the middle and lots of tables for people to take a break. And there are some elderly people who often stop there to relax out of the heat. The city does a very good job of clipping the area when it begins to be overgrown with weeds, fox-tails, etc. This area is also used for parking when the Over-the-Line is in operation and they certainly need the parking spaces. Sometimes there are some dogs who are not as well behaved, but because of the LARGE space of this area, it is always easy to avoid interactions, since there are so many trails to walk through and the larger the area, the less chance there is of dogs getting into scuffles. There is always plenty parking in several areas to choose from with an adequate number of porta potties if needed.

It does NOT require any water or any other maintenance other than this clipping once or twice a year. Recently handicapped parking has been installed. Option B is the only sound option.

Doug & Lucie Sovinsky
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Comments:

Please --- keep the island just the way it is!!!

It also will not cost the city extra ~~money~~ money!!

It means so much to so many people, especially dog owners, like me.

Erika Philippe

Name



Ms. Erika Philippe
4765 Bayard St.
San Diego, CA 92109

Address

Signature

Erika Philippe

From: Wendy Berns wbbarns@aol.com
Subject:
Date: May 23, 2017 at 5:43 PM
To:
Cc: Wendy Berns wbbarns@aol.com

Attention: Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner

cc: FIDO

602 999 4522 602 768 5612

From: Wendy Berns and Chuck Byers
Galveston Street
Bay Park, CA 92110

My husband and I support Option B.

We have been enjoying the use of Fiesta Island open leash dog park over the past ten years. We have two dogs that we take there on a regular almost daily basis. We enjoy the freedom to have such a special area to take our dogs and for our enjoyment as well for exercise and recreation.

We would NOT want to see this area reduced in size. This is the only off leash area where we can take long walks (a mile plus) in the open fields and along the beach with our dogs every day of the week.

Many of the dogs enjoy swimming and retrieving balls thrown into the water. Having access to Walking and running up and down the beach is extremely important to us.

Additional roads, fences, amphitheaters and any other types of structures would destroy the aesthetics, add noise increase unwanted traffic, pollution and unnecessary increase of water resources.

We vehemently disagree with your option A. We do not want this area divided with additional roads and we do not want the area decreased in size!

We would like to have the foxtails removed and managed. They present

health hazards to the animals as well as the humans.

Some amenities such as a training area for agility, obedience and even a lure course would be a valuable addition. I would expect (naming rights for these facilities would provide more than adequate funding).



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Comments: Our existing Fiesta Island Dog Park is world-famous and also serves a huge local base. It is multilevel concerning walkers, bikers, dog & horse owners and so many levels of recreation. Please don't change it. It is so used - please don't change. Leave our park alone!

Name Susan Jacobson Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Address 5030 San Joaquin Dr
SD CA 92109

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Comments:

WHY ARE WE WASTING CITY MONEY ON THIS PROJECT THAT DOESN'T PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE CITY. THE PROPERTY ALREADY DRAWS BIG CROWDS AS IT IS. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE CITY TO INVEST IN OTHER AREAS, FIXING ROADS, HELPING SCHOOLS, MAKING PARKS WHERE NEEDED. THERE IS A BOAT LAUNCH ACROSS THE WAY THAT IS UNDER USED, THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL NATURAL PARK AS IS. PLEASE DON'T DEVELOP THIS AREA! WE DON'T NEED TO WATER & UPKEEP MORE LAWN ETC.

Name MICHAEL DUTRA

Signature Mich

Address 2832 RUSSELL DR

SD CA 92123



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Comments: Favor no change but if Option A adopted - I think it would add pollution and disturb wildlife in the South West

Name Marjorie Seybold Signature Marjorie Seybold
Address 7936 Calle de la Plata
La Jolla CA 92037



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Comments: So much of Mission Bay Park is roads + parking lots. More traffic, exhaust, + paving is inconsistent with a natural area. There are already many places on Mission Bay for boating, + storage should be added to developed areas, not the few remaining relatively natural areas.

The off beach dog area is a great San Diego attraction and has received national attention. To reduce it for more parking + paving, with associated pollution + runoff would be a shame.

Name Darvine Ezell

Signature

Darvine Ezell

Address

1420 Missouri St.

San Diego 92109



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Comments:

- Vote for Option B - no additional roads
No one represented option B, none after
5 requests - this is one sided.

There are so many areas for tracks but
Fiesta Island dog area is #1 in US we need
to leave it as is or implement Option B.

I go to Fiesta dog park every night

Name

Cory Triglia

Signature

Address

2906 Chicago St., SD 92101

May 23, 2017

Neva G. Sullaway
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619 318-5078

Dear Planning Committee,

I am a San Diego resident strongly opposed to the Fiesta Island Precision Plan - Option A, which further develops an environmentally sensitive habitat, an open natural space and is currently an off-leash dog site.

I hope you will consider the following points:

1. Historically, the original intention for Mission Bay Aquatic Park was to create and protect a multi-use recreational marine park, open to the public, and to preserve the tidelands and natural habitat. While the original plan has been modified over time, the essential intent of the Aquatic Park remains intact.

I believe, to cut roads across the current fenced in area that is an off-leash dog park, creating increased parking, boat storage, RV parking would cause immediate denigration of the natural space.

To date, the dog owners have lived in unique harmony with this space, understanding, appreciating and respecting the ecological balance, such as the Least Tern nesting site. A core group of owners (FIDO) work diligently to assure regular maintenance and caretaking of the off-leash area.

2. The off-leash dog area is an incredible outdoor experience, untainted by structures, with unobstructed views of the city, and bay. People come from all over the U.S. to enjoy San Diego and hundreds of thousands of visitors end up along Mission Bay. People visit the dog park to enjoy a relaxing walk, exercise their dogs and socialize. An amphitheater, several bridges, dog arenas are all misguided, expensive ventures that will only serve to obliterate the peacefulness of this rare and beautiful gem.
3. While I am an avid sailor and small boat owner, I wonder what privileged person will get to store their boat at the proposed "Boat Club" on the island, supposedly for public use? If the City Planners are desperate to create such a location, look a few meters across the inlet and you will see a wide open expanse **in existence at South Shores**, with covered picnic tables, a huge amount of parking, a launch ramp, lovely walkways and bikeways, RV parking and restrooms. In all my years, I have never seen this parking area overwhelmed, which suggests there is already ample parking and facilities within one mile of Fiesta Island.
4. Directly to the west of Fiesta Island is another enviable recreation area – the Ski Beach boat ramp, off Ingraham street on Vacation Isle. Again, ample parking, launching facilities, restrooms.

In brief, substantial resources already exist for those wishing to access the bay with their watercraft, or just picnic.

Over the years, I have talked to many visitors walking their dogs on Fiesta Island. Some are young folks with a day off from work walking their dog; some are tourists wanting to stretch their legs and exercise their dogs; some are older folks getting out of the house to enjoy a beautiful day where they can safely walk and sit with their dog. I have met people in wheelchairs, with walkers and with terminal illnesses, who have chosen to spend their time, with their dog, on Fiesta Island. It's a slice of paradise that supports community, health and healing.

I came upon a young man not long ago who was turning around in a 360 degree circle in the middle of the dog park. He looked lost, or like he had lost his dog. I asked him if he needed help. He said: "I can't believe this. I can't believe this exists...look, this whole place, I can't believe it, it's beautiful."

City Planners: This is why we plead with you to preserve what exists and not destroy it with so called "improvements". The early city planners had a vision to protect the precious asset that is Mission Bay Aquatic Park for all to share and enjoy and it is incumbent upon all of us to caretake that vision.

I implore you to visit Fiesta Island and walk the perimeter, see it in its natural form and beauty. Laugh, as I do, watching the gawking pelicans diving for fish, the dogs running full tilt into the water after balls and Frisbee's, then relax under the shade of the giant eucalypts and share some stories with total strangers. This is the watering hole, where owners gather and dogs drink water provided by caring individuals.

It's simple, it's free, it's open to everyone to experience and enjoy.

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

— Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,

Neva Sullaway



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Comments:

I disagree with putting in more roadways and installing roads where there is now open space. This will create more pollution. Improvements should be directed at the existing users, who take care of the Island.

Putting in more development will increase noise, result in more trash + debris strewn about and provide areas for the congregation of people who may not be there to recreate. With the development there should be adequate space for these "enhancements".

Name Christina Winkle Signature [Signature]
Address 4950 Lamont St
SD CA 92109



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Comments:

I am a frequent visitor to Fiesta Island Dog Park. (3-4 times/week). The areas of concern that I have with Option A are: decrease in open "public areas in their natural state, pollution due to litter left by increased traffic, disruption of endangered wildlife such as the Least Tern, & desert plants. I have visited dog parks all over the County. Fiesta Island is by far the best for training, exercise, and community. Please do not put a road through the existing park. Option B is the best choice. There are several access points to M Bay. We need more open space as our population & City grows.

Name Camille Fowler Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Address 2261 Dunhaven St San Diego CA 92110



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Comments: It appears that Option A is nothing more than a grab at city lands now open. The idea of building a boat launch area to lease out to others is contrary to the city's mission to offer facilities to all.

OPTION B IS MORE DESIRABLE

OPTION DO NOTHING TO SOMETHING NOT
BROKE IS PREFERABLE.

Name

Thomas DeJohn

Signature

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4712 Arizona St.
San Diego CA 92116

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Comments: OPTION 'A' - WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER BOAT LAUNCH AND PARKING AREA IN THE DOG RUN AREA, THE BOAT LAUNCH AND PARKING AREA BY SEA WORLD IS VERY UNDER USED. PADDLE BOARDS AND CANOES CAN BE LAUNCHED THERE WITH NO ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES. VEHICLES ALREADY ARE A HAZARD ON THE FEW TRAILS THAT ARE IN PLACE, I.E. VEHICLE GOING DOWN TO THE LEAST TERN BIRD SANCTUARY. OPTION 'B' IS BEST FOR THE DOGS AND PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND, NOW IF WE COULD KEEP THE HORSES OUT OF THE DOG AREA, HOW NICE IT WOULD BE, THEY HAVE THE REST OF THE ISLAND TO RIDE ON.

Name G.B. MCGEEHEE Signature 
Address 6460 CONVOY CT #89
SAN DIEGO, CA 92117-2313



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Comments: YOU DON'T NEED TO MESS WITH FIESTA ISLAND -
IT'S THE LAST UNTOUCHED PART OF M/B PARK. THERE ARE
~~37 HUNDREDS~~ ~~IF NOT~~ THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ENJOY IT THE WAY
IT IS. FINISH DEVELOPING THE NEW BOAT RAMP - YOU'LL FIND
PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOUR BOAT STORAGE THERE, THERE ARE ALREADY
REST ROOMS AND MOST OF THE STUFF YOU WANT TO DO TO FIESTA ISLAND.
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU WANT TO WASTE HERE, IE WATER, SEWER
POWER ALL HAVE NO BUSINESS ON THIS LAND. ~~PLEASE~~ REMEMBER,
THIS IS OUR PARK - YOU ALREADY HAVE AN AREA FOR LEAST TERMS
WE DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES IE WATER & POWER TO WASTE
ON A REMAKE OF FIESTA ISLAND - THERE ARE BETTER USES
FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS! THERE AREN'T ENOUGH FIRE RINGS
FOR THE PEOPLE NOW AND YOU SAY THERE ISN'T MONEY FOR THAT -
HOW IS THERE MONEY TO WASTE ON THIS?

Name GARY FOWTS

Signature

Address

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↳ 4060 WILLAMETTE AVE



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Fiesta Island used to a "bubbler" after 1st created.

Comments: What a waste of money - Put your CREW Boats in @ the ^{new} Sea Boat launch (near World) that no one uses most of the time - there is plenty of parking + a ^{public} restroom - put the crew boats over there. NOT through the middle of a great dog park. We don't need perm. public restrooms, we don't want grass + picnic areas, no camping for that needs upkeep, maintenance + staffing + no "swimming" area w/ life guards - we swim everywhere + fiesta island (also no one addressed the lack of jet sky use for future use)

LEAVE it Natural. It's the last "real" Beach in S.D. that you can actually drive up to Fire Rings to drop off wood, + cooking/picnic items

Name CAROL Renuelli Signature Carol Renuelli

Address 3162 McGRAW SD 92117

MORE FIRE RINGS, not more maintenance!

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- Comments:
- 1) Concerned about the Least Tern Habitat
 - 2) Concerned about the impact on the plant life & soil (ie Geology)
 - 3) Concerned w/ the reduction of Park area available to the tax paying public for their enjoyment (Quality of life for the community)
 - 4) Water pollution based on increased Commercial use of the land.
 - 5) Concerned about or that the leasing of public land to a for-profit business is not in the Best interest of the community

Name Charles F. Fowler Signature Charles F. Fowler
Address 2261 Danhaven St., San Diego, CA 92110



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Comments:

My main preference is OPTION B (Forget the Road of Op A to cross)

also- I think the lower south west edge of the island should be totally left untouched undeveloped and no cement onramps for anything. There are enough onramps in various places for ppl to launch Kayaks etc.

My final request is to definitely notify us of upcoming meetings where the decisive committee planning group sessions will be, so we can come back to voice further comments.

Thank you

Name JO ANN BERGQUIST

Signature Jo Ann Bergquist

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S.D. 92109



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Comments: I'm in favor of NO project.
The majority of FI users I know are also in favor of NO project. No new funds from SD city would be necessary.

Name Karen Friedrichs Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Address 1545 Everview Rd. 92110

May 23, 2017

To: San Diego Planning CEQA Department

From: Charlie Plavi
10165 Halberns Blvd
Santee, CA 92071

Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment

I support "**Option B**" that would keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. My family and friends enjoy this area frequently. We meet people from not only San Diego County, but visitors from other counties and countries. They often comment that it is good to see that it has not been developed. Fiesta Island has been an unimproved man made island that was created from sewage sludge and should remain that way. I know a dump truck driver that hauled loads there back in the day. Fiesta Island's charm is that it is an open space that people can enjoy with light vehicle traffic for bicycles, joggers, and equestrians as well as the dog park. Leave it that way. There is a boat launch across from Fiesta Island by Sea World that is rarely used and the city has cut funding in the past to maintain the fire rings on Fiesta Island. You don't hear people saying "Let's change Fiesta Island", so why spend city money or let developers get their hands on it?

Respectfully,
Charlie Plavi , Family, and Friends



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Comments: I AM OPPOSE TO ANY DEVELOPEMENT AT ALL!
IF IT DOES GO FORWARD PLAN "B".
ALSO I AM COMPLETELY AGAINST ANY CAMPING,
(EXCEPT FOR THAT WHICH ~~ALWAY~~ ALREADY EXISTS.)
ANY CAMPING WILL ATTACK HOMELESS & ETC.

Name BARBARA PRICE

Signature *Barbara Price*

Address 1457 ELEVATION Rd
S.D. 92110



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Comments:

STRONGLY FOR OPTION "B"

OTHERWISE LEAVE FIESTA ISLAND ALONE.

ENVIRONMENTALLY IT START AT MOUTH OF JETTY.

Name

Gigi Gonzalez

Signature

Address

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Comments:

Please consider option "B" or
no change -

A boat ramp close to another
boat ramp that is not used
does not make any sense.

Name

Sherrie Todd

Signature

Sherrie Todd

Address

5920 Charig St. SD.

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Comments: As a member of Fido I support
The option B Plan

Also the causeway Access Road needs
to have a light 3-way stop Improvement
of some type

I use the dog park almost daily

Name Glenn DeBarge Signature Glenn DeBarge

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SAN Diego Ca 92117



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Comments:

The plan in place, plan A, would deny us what we have now no other place; a place we can walk the bayside three miles with our dogs, any time of day. Hot weather or not. Not limited to early morning and late afternoon. We can't do this anywhere. All other cool areas to walk are restricted, most are even restricted to on-leash. Please, quite, cool, friendly and good exercise. Please don't take our 3 mile walk the rim trail away! Please support plan B ("option B").

Name

Karen Riggs-Salerton

Signature

Karen RS

Address

1804 Darnet Ave. #401
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Comments:

I have concerns re: dog safety with the inclusion of boating activities within the dog area. I also ~~see~~ feel that closing off the southwest section with a parking lot as a potential for safety issues.

I am greatly concerned that the dog park would be closed during ~~the~~ any construction & leave people & dogs without a dog park to bring the dogs. Also horses use this area & I would not want to see that change.

Why can't the city leave it alone?
Thanks!

Name Jan Hodson

Signature Jan Hodson

Address 4001 Anastasiast
San Diego, CA 92111



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Comments:

I suggest before any decisions are made the city put up temporary fencing, similar to the height assessment poles they use prior to construction, so the public has a better idea of the impact.

Why can't south beach be used by the paddlers? This gets almost no use.

Between options A & B I prefer B

Name

SHAWN WASS

Signature

Shawn Wass

Address

4674 Mount Airway Dr, San Diego, CA



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Please don't pass Plan A. No/No-
Comments: Every morning, seven days a week my husband and I head to Fiesta to walk our three dogs. We are friends with dozens ~~and~~ of regulars and even the not so regulars. Plan B is the only option to maintain the beauty of this park for joggers, bikers, walkers and other weekend sports events. Please don't put an amphitheater and road in our park. Slowly every green area in San Diego is being ~~tab~~ lost to development. Fiesta Island "The Best Dog Park in the Country". We should be so proud of this. If we lose our park it is forever. An amphitheatre can be built anywhere else.

Name

Kristin W. Jones

Signature

Kristin W Jones

Address

2271 Front St.
San Diego Ca. 92101



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Comments: A boat launch area a mere 800 yards ~~is~~ from another underutilized boat launch is both redundant and wasteful. In contrast, keeping the entire fenced area contiguous for dogs as it now exists is very popular - hundreds of users every day.

Name Miles Todd Signature [Signature]
Address 5920 Charing St San Diego, CA 92117



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Comments: I oppose extensive development of Fiesta Island.
I'm concerned about excavating the existing site.
I believe the ISLAND IS used extensively as it is
and changes should not be made
I support option B.

Name FRANK HARDALO

Signature

Address

12650 Carmel COUNTRY Rd #116
SAN DIEGO CA 92130

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Comments: I support Option B.

I have 3 dogs and have used Fiesta Island off leash dog park for 10 years. It should be maintained in its current state (minimal development) for the enjoyment of the public. I have plenty of water access for paddle boarding + kayaking from South Shores, Ski beach, and Bonita Cove.

I'm interested in the EIR on Land Use + Planning, Water Quality and Traffic. We use the park every week, and are concerned about further reduction in our use for our dogs. We pay taxes and would like our fair share of public space for our continued enjoyment. Please use our tax \$ for foxtail control, rodent/snake containment, and trash removal not over development as with option A.

Name Catherine Hurdalo, MD Signature (Catherine Hurdalo)

Address Carmel Valley (San Diego) 92130.



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Comments: Plan B is the best plan as it leaves most of the Abondo main uses intact. I like the improvements to the wetlands + drainage at SD River Channel. A privately run camping area is not desirable as it brings in another complication of how the Island is accessible. Also most folks don't want to camp off the beach. A childrens play area & swimming area are also not a good idea. The water in that area is not very clean & there is a large developed playground just to the east. I think we need to preserve our undeveloped park lands. Children need some areas for unstructured play.

Name Julie McKane Signature
Address 4221 DAKOTA DR SD 92117
Jmckane38@gmail.com

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Comments:

My request is to leave Fiesta Island as is. There is no other dog-leash free area as large as Fiesta Island anywhere in the US. Think of the revenue that dog ownership brings to this city. I appreciate the ruggedness of the island as well as the open recreational benefits. Protecting the Least Tern is very admirable.

The boat house can be placed across the way on south shore near the existing boat ramp.

If there absolutely has to be a selection of an option then I vote for option B. Minimal change to the Island.

Name

SHIRLEY HILL

Signature

Shirley Hill

Address

1827 Benzl St., San Diego CA 92109



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Comments: My preference is to maintain the current integrity of our natural habitat on Fiesta Island. Having an undeveloped area in the heart of San Diego is an inclusive asset for the entire community. I agree with the Mission Bay Master Plan vision of Fiesta Island as an open landscape where residents & visitors alike find refuge from urban congestion, noise and visual clutter. My secondary preference is Plan B. Thank you for your consideration.

Name

Samantha Peters

Signature

Samantha Peters

Address

1827 Beryl Street, SD 92109

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Planning Department, City of San Diego
MS 413
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200
East Tower, San Diego, CA 92101

May 25, 2017

Dear Planning Commission,

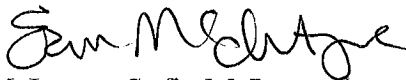
I am writing to express my strongest possible support for the Fiesta Island Dog Park to remain completely intact and preserved for off-leash use. I walk at Fiesta Island multiple times per week with my toddler and dog, and have done so for years. We take great pride in this beautiful outdoor space. It is one of San Diego's natural treasures.

Right now, the space is perfect. None other like it exists in San Diego. It is extremely important to have a place where both humans and dogs can freely exercise.

There is no need for additional fencing, an amphitheater, or additional roads on Fiesta Island. Developing this beautifully preserved green space would be an egregious mistake. San Diego is already overbuilt and overdeveloped. We need to protect what little green space we still have; for our own physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Please preserve this beautiful resource for future generations and their four-legged friends by establishing it as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Erin McIntyre, Sofia McIntyre (age 2), and Rosie the mutt (age 5)

cell 646-239-7307



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE *of* PLANNING AND RESEARCH
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE AND PLANNING UNIT



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DIRECTOR

Notice of Preparation

May 10, 2017

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment Program EIR
SCH# 2017051034

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment Program EIR draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Rebecca Malone
City of San Diego
1010 Second Ave, Suite 1200, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2017051034
Project Title Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment Program EIR
Lead Agency San Diego, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation
Description The current Mission Bay Park Master Plan includes a Concept Plan for the approx 485 acre Fiesta Island, located in the southeast portion of Mission Bay Park. The Concept Plan includes areas for recreational uses such as developed park land, swimming areas, youth camping, primitive camping, Over the Line sand arena, concessions, special event RV parking, and launch areas for personal water craft. The Concept Plan also provides for environmental areas including upland and least tern preserves, salt pans, native landscaping, marsh land and additional eelgrass areas as wildlife habitat. Access to Fiesta Island is provided by a single causeway connecting Fiesta Island Road to East Mission Bay Drive.

Lead Agency Contact

Name Rebecca Malone
Agency City of San Diego
Phone (619) 446-5371 **Fax**
email
Address 1010 Second Ave, Suite 1200, MS 413
City San Diego **State** CA **Zip** 92101

Project Location

County San Diego
City San Diego
Region
Cross Streets
Lat / Long
Parcel No.

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways
Airports
Railways ATSF, Amtrack, Coaster, SD Trol
Waterways Tecolote Creek, Mission Bay, San Diego River
Schools SDUSD
Land Use

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Coastal Zone; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Housing; Job Generation; Landuse; Noise; Other Issues; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Solid Waste; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; California Coastal Commission; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Native American Heritage Commission; State Lands Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 11; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9; Department of Toxic Substances Control

Date Received 05/10/2017 **Start of Review** 05/10/2017 **End of Review** 06/08/2017

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # []

Project Title: MISSION BAY PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE—FIESTA ISLAND AMENDMENT PROGRAM EIR

Lead Agency: City of San Diego Contact Person: Rebecca Malone

Mailing Address: 1010 Second Ave, Suite 1200, MS 413 Phone: (619)446-5371

City: San Diego, CA Zip: 92101 County: San Diego

Project Location: County: San Diego City/Nearest Community: San Diego

Cross Streets: Zip Code:

Lat. / Long.: N/ W Total Acres: approx. 485

Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways: Tecolote Creek, Mission Bay, San Diego River

Airports: Railways: ATSF, Amtrak, Coaster, San Diego Trolley
Schools: San Diego Unified Schools

Document Type:

CEQA: [X] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Draft EIS [] Other
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] FONSI
[] Mit Neg Dec Other

After RFP
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Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other: MP Update

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Transportation: Type
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Mining: Mineral
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Power: Type MW
[] Educational Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Recreational Hazardous Waste: Type
[X] Other: Park Master Plan Update

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [X] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Wildlife
[X] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [X] Solid Waste [X] Growth Inducing
[X] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Land Use
[] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [X] Cumulative Effects
[X] Other Hydrology; Paleontological Resources; Public Utilities, GHG

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Refer to Public Notice attached

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Refer to Public Notice attached

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Environmental and Cultural Department
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Phone (916) 373-3710



May 12, 2017

Rebecca Malone
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San Diego, CA 92101

Sent via e-mail: planningCEQA@sandiego.gov

RE: SCH# 2017051034; Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment Program EIR
Project, San Diego County, California

Dear Ms. Malone:

The Native American Heritage Commission has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code section 21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an environmental impact report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064 subd.(a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources with the area of project effect (APE).

CEQA was amended significantly in 2014. Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a **separate category of cultural resources**, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code § 21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.2). Please reference California Natural Resources Agency (2016) "Final Text for tribal cultural resources update to Appendix G: Environmental Checklist Form," <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/ab52/Clean-final-AB-52-App-G-text-Submitted.pdf>. Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation or a notice of negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. § 800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends **lead agencies consult with all California Native American tribes** that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments. **Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.**

AB 52

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project: Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a **lead agency** shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:
 - a. A brief description of the project.
 - b. The lead agency contact information.
 - c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (d)).
 - d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21073).
2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report: A **lead agency** shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1(b)).
 - a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code § 65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (b)).
3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:
 - a. Alternatives to the project.
 - b. Recommended mitigation measures.
 - c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).
4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:
 - a. Type of environmental review necessary.
 - b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
 - c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
 - d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).
5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code sections 6254 (r) and 6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (c)(1)).
6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:
 - a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
 - b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (b)).

7. Conclusion of Consultation: Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
 - a. The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
 - b. A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (b)).

8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document: Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (a)).

9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation: If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (e)).

10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:
 - a. Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
 - ii. Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
 - b. Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
 - ii. Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
 - iii. Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
 - c. Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
 - d. Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code § 21084.3 (b)).
 - e. Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a nonfederally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code § 815.3 (c)).
 - f. Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code § 5097.991).

11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource: An environmental impact report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
 - a. The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.
 - b. The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
 - c. The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (d)).

This process should be documented in the Cultural Resources section of your environmental document.

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf

SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires **local governments** to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code § 65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. **Tribal Consultation:** If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. **No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation.** There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. **Confidentiality:** Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code section 65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (b)).
4. **Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation:** Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
 - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
 - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>

NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center (http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
 - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - b. If any known cultural resources have been already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.

- b. The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.
3. Contact the NAHC for:
- a. A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
 - b. A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
4. Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
- a. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - b. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - c. Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code section 7050.5, Public Resources Code section 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Please contact me if you need any additional information at gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Gayle Totton, M.A., PhD.
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

cc: State Clearinghouse

RINCON BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS

Cultural Resources Department

1 W. Tribal Road · Valley Center, California 92082 ·
(760) 297-2330 Fax:(760) 297-2339



May 15, 2017

Rebecca Malone
The City of San Diego
Planning Department
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200
East Tower, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment

Dear Ms. Malone:

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. Thank you for inviting us to submit comments on the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment. Rincon is submitting these comments concerning your projects potential impact on Luiseño cultural resources.

The Rincon Band has concerns for the impacts to historic and cultural resources and the finding of items of significant cultural value that could be disturbed or destroyed and are considered culturally significant to the Luiseño people. This is to inform you, your identified location is not within the Luiseño Aboriginal Territory. We recommend that you locate a tribe within the project area to receive direction on how to handle any inadvertent findings according to their customs and traditions.

If you would like information on tribes within your project area, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission and they will assist with a referral.

Thank you for the opportunity to protect and preserve our cultural assets.

Sincerely,

Destiny Colocho
Manager
Rincon Cultural Resources Department



San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.

Environmental Review Committee

21 May 2017

To: Ms. Rebecca Malone
Planning Department
City of San Diego
Suite 1200, East Tower, MS413
1010 Second Avenue
San Diego, California 92101

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment

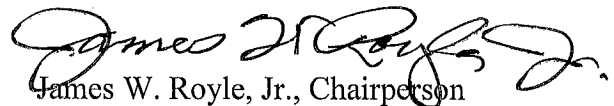
Dear Ms. Malone:

Thank you for the Notice of Preparation for the subject project, which was received by this Society last month.

We are pleased that cultural resources have been included in the list of subject areas to be addressed in the DEIR. In order to permit us to review the cultural resources aspects of the project, please include us in the distribution of the DEIR when it becomes available for public review. Also, in order to facilitate our review, we would appreciate being provided with one copy of the cultural resources technical report(s) along with the DEIR.

SDCAS appreciates being included in the environmental review process for this project.

Sincerely,


James W. Royle, Jr., Chairperson
Environmental Review Committee

cc: SDCAS President
File



1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101-7490
(619) 231-1466

May 23, 2017

SRTP 820.8 (PC 50451)

Ms. Rebecca Malone
Environmental Planner
City of San Diego
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200 (MS 413)
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Malone:

SUBJECT: MISSION BAY PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE – FIESTA ISLAND AMENDMENT

The future Tecolote light rail station on the San Diego Trolley’s Mid-Coast extension is located only a quarter of a mile from the entrance to the Fiesta Island causeway. However, a circuitous pedestrian path is required between the two, due to Interstate 5 and the heavy rail tracks.

For purposes of the Environmental Impact Report, MTS recommends consideration of how access to Fiesta Island via public transit could be improved; specifically, better connecting Mission Bay Park and Fiesta Island with the future Trolley service on the east side of Interstate 5. This might include improving the path-of-travel along the Tecolote Road/Sea World Drive bridge, or a new pedestrian overpass or underpass.

A convenient pedestrian connection to the Trolley would alleviate traffic congestion and parking demand on busy weekends and during special events, reduce the need for off-site event parking and shuttles, provide better coastal access to disadvantaged populations, and help maximize the return on the regional \$2 billion Mid-Coast transportation infrastructure investment.

MTS would be happy to assist the City in evaluating and planning any such improvements.

Sincerely,

Sharon Cooney
Chief of Staff

LMARQUIS-L
L-FIESTAISLANDER.DDESMOND.052317

cc: Coleen Clementson (SANDAG), Mark Thomsen





CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Comments: I AM NOT SEEING SPACE FOR HORSE BACK RIDING, THIS IS A CRITICAL USE. I LIKE THAT THERE IS HABITAT RESTORATION INCLUDED. NO BOAT STORAGE SHOULD BE IN PARKLAND UNLESS ITS FOR PUBLIC RENTAL. I HOPE THE PARKLAND IS NATIVE VEGETATION. ALL HABITAT SHOULD HAVE ~~WA~~ TRAILS OR OVERLOOKS WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN ~~USE~~ VISIT AND ENJOY HABITAT. NO MORE LAWN NO MORE INVASIVE SPECIES LIKE FAN PALMS. NO BOAT RAMP IS NEEDED LESS ROADS AND MORE NATIVE PLANTS.

OVER

Name

KARIN ZIRK

Signature

Address

4629 CASS ST # 188
SAN DIEGO CA 92109

Use back of sheet if additional space is necessary.

I would like to see dunes along
Fiesta Bay and strand landscaping

I hope primitive camping can be
moved away from ball fields and be
situated next to habitat for a
nature experience - just north of
sand management area near youth
camping and away from cars.

The wetlands habitat @ the entrance
of Fiesta Island is a great connection
to Tecolote Creek.

I like the location of primitive
camping that is in the Mission Bay
Master Plan - in between strand landscape
and youth camps - please keep it here.

Please study impacts of lawn pesticides
and fertilizers on water quality in
Mission Bay

Please study traffic impacts of
active recreation.

City of San Diego, Planning Department
Attn: Rebecca Malone, Senior Planner
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

Please study
how native plants can provide absorption
for chemical run off from lawns.
How please study how human trash
causes increases in the rodent and seagull
population beyond what nature would
support



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Comments: I am a great ~~supporter~~ supporter of option B to keep the Dog Park the way it is and not have the area split w/ a road. The traffic will increase substantially if a boat facility is constructed where option A proposes. I take my dogs there twice a day once before work and after so they can run around. The dog park in Balboa park is always overflowing with dogs + is not a nice place to go b/c it gets so dusty and congested. The birds that nest + live ~~there~~ on Fiesta Island will be impacted by the increase in human footprint. This park is ~~the only~~ ^{the only} one ~~that~~ that you can go to get away from the cluster ~~of~~ of people. All the other dog parks in this area are like dog runs. We should be working together to keep this area the way it is + not overdevelop it. It was voted best Dog Park in the county, why would the city of San Diego ruin + want to destroy that? The facilities proposed can be built elsewhere →

Name Caroline P. Jones Signature Caroline Jones

Address 2271 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101

In urban areas that need to be redeveloped. ~~and also~~ A friend of mine also used # Fiesta Island as a refuge for her horses + goats during the fires, if this space wasn't available + open, the way it is now, where would she go ~~there~~ in the next emergency?
Please Do Not let Option A pass.

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Comments: PLAN B IS THE ONLY OPTION

Please do not let OPTION A pass. I take my dogs to Fiesta Island every morning before work. It is the happiest & brightest part of my day. My dogs can run free and I get away from the crowded southern California city. This space for me and my dogs is a sanctuary. It is a place I can get away & think & enjoy my dogs being happy 😊
Taking away this space would be devastating! There are no parks like Fiesta Island. NO large open spaces for people & dogs to go. From the bottom of my heart please keep Fiesta Island as-is!
What environmental impact is this development going to have on the area? How does this affect the birds that nest there. How is this going to affect the people that rely on this area?
I also don't want an amphitheater on the island. It will ruin it. →

Name Justin Jones Signature Kreshya Jones
Address 1141 AKRISH ST San Diego CA 92106

This was voted the best dog park in the country!
We should be proud of this. Lets not ruin it
This is going to increase traffic.

**City of San Diego, Planning Department
Attn: Rebecca Malone, Senior Planner
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PLEASE RECALL
SANDAG BOB COMMENT

Comments: Kona Cyclist.

Who demands to use Fiesta Island as my only cycling location. Why? Due to the lacking repair of potholes, cracks, etc. around the COUNTY & CITY OF SAN DIEGO. And that Fiesta Island be a 1 way way/road for designation, but there had been that 1 incident in which numerous cyclists get injured

IN PAST I HAD MADE A SANDAG COMMENT TO CLOSE DOWN CARS AT/ON THE ISLAND OF FIESTA ISLAND. ONLY OPEN TO BICYCLE & PEDESTRIANS. CARS do a dangert add wear-down of the asphalt. It only be recent, that potholes have formed. Even more critical on carbon fiber wheels. There are events such as OTL & Fireworks that others come to, that REVENUE SAN DIEGO. →

RR

Name Mike Wecker Signature Mike Wecker

Address 800 La Mesa Blvd 475 La Mesa, CA 91942

I ride the Hally
from La Mesa to
Old Town, Old Town to PCH to Fiesta Island Dr. (app 1.7 miles)

Use back of sheet if additional space is necessary.

Another benefit of the one way traffic
for those cyclists who have expensive bikes, they
(a) be no worry about being turned into (left-hand)
turn, front the front, into the bike/cyclist, damaging the
bike. Along with the cyclist.

(b) I will have to re-call what else I was to add, for (b)
1 save \$ of buying a shredder by using the fire pits.

Fire Island, for any of those interests I mentioned,
is the best location for socialization.

I have mentioned the situation, to a highly reputed San Diego
biker shop, yesterday, who did not hear about situation,
until I told me. Thanking me for my say. One of the
oldest bike shops of San Diego.

City of San Diego, Planning Department
Attn: Rebecca Malone, Senior Planner
1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200, MS 413
San Diego, CA 92101

From: [Laliberte, Kelly@DTSC](mailto:Laliberte.Kelly@DTSC)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: State.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov; [Kereazis, Dave@DTSC](mailto:Kereazis.Dave@DTSC); [Haddad, Shahir@DTSC](mailto:Haddad.Shahir@DTSC)
Subject: Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report - Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment Program (SCH# 2017051034)
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:48:13 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment_NOP_Comments_06.07.17.pdf](#)

Good afternoon:

Attached for your file is the PDF copy of the comments on the 'Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report' for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update-Fiesta Island Amendment Program (SCH# 2017051034). The original signed document will be sent via regular mail. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson Abraham, Project Manager, at 714.484.5380 or at email address Johnson.Abraham@dtsc.ca.gov.

Thank you,

Kelly Laliberte

Brownfields Restoration and School Evaluation Branch
Cal EPA | Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Ave | Cypress, CA | 90630
Tel: 714.484.5475 | Fax: 714.484.5411



From: [John Hopkins](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Option B , Fiesta Island Off-leash dog area
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:23:10 PM

Please support Option B for the Fiesta Island Off-leash dog area

John Hopkins
Lemon Grove CA
91945

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kyle Bowman](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Option B.
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 2:09:29 PM

I support option B.

I take my dog there almost every morning and we love the wide open space.

92103

From: [Donna Nelson](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: option b
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 12:07:06 PM

Hi

My name is Donna Nelson

I have lived in san diego for 30 years.I currently live in Hilcrest but the owner of the property i am renting is tearing down my house so he can build a 6 story building.Since i moved here property is being torn down and rebuilt.Houses are becoming units.There are fewer and fewer properties available for rent that take dogs.There are fewer and fewer houses with yards.I own three dogs.I am disabled and can't walk them.I live alone.I have a black lab who is my protector and my family.I have two little rescues.I suffer from suicidal thought.I suffer from extreme loniliness.I can honestly say if i didnt have these dogs i wouldn't be here.

My lab dosen't like other dogs.I am losing my home.He can't go for walks.He can;t go to the park or ob or coronado dog beach.There is only one place in san diego my bubba can go and that is fiesta island.I THANK GOD FOR FIESTA ISLAND. I can pull my car right up to the water.I can see if other dogs are coming near and ask them not to come over where i am.This has been working for 10 years.

Please don't take fiesta island away from me and my dogs.

Please leave it just the way it is.

Please please please I can give you my zipcode 92103 but i don't know where i will live next i am searching endlessly but i'm sure i won't find a house with a huge yard again.Please save bubba's only playground he deserves it .He is my beat friend

Thank you donna nelson 858-442-6210

From: [Paws 4 Shots and more](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: OPTION B
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 11:27:26 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

Fiesta Island dog "park" has been my favorite place to take my dogs since 1996. My dogs have loved the time they have spent there and 6 of them have come and gone in that time and we've never had a bad day on Fiesta Island.

The area is beautiful and perfect for outside activity with your dogs. San Diego is a tremendously dog friendly city and decreasing the dog play areas around town will impact both the residents AND tourism. people flood to San Diego every year WITH their pets because we are such a friendly city. If you take away a place they can go with their dogs, they may choose instead to visit a different city. The proximity to the water is so appealing to tourists who don't live by the water. A suburban dog park does not hold the appeal First Island does. The terrain is so much better than OB or Del Mar dog beaches. The bay is peaceful and beautiful.

I ask that you keep that portion of Fiesta Island as it is. For the sake of San Diego residents who love it and the tourists who visit.

The only suggestion would be to clear the brush to decrease the injuries us veterinarians see from scratches, lacerations and foxtails!

Thank you for your time!

Best,

Charlotte Frank, DVM
Medical Director
Paws 4 Shots and more
<http://www.paws4shots.com>
1(844)PAW-SHOT
paws4shots@gmail.com



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From: [Kris Moore](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Part B
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 6:52:00 PM

I like love Fiesta Island and my dogs love Fiesta Island. And my husband and I and my dogs love Fiesta Island. Roxy and I walk Fiesta Island every day. We love to experience the seasons at Fiesta Island. I am an artist and Fiesta Island in its nearly natural state enrich my soul. Please don't turn it into something overdeveloped and unnatural. Let it be. Please.

Kris Hodson Moore

From: [Alisa Rottenberg](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: PLAN B FOR FIESTA ISLAND! DOGS AND PEOPLE NEED IT
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:31:59 PM

Please not that I am writing to tell you that I San Diegans want to keep Fiesta Island exactly as it is. It keeps me and my dogs mentally and physically healthy.. Its where we go to just be free from leashes. it just lets the dogs be free to socialize They and us need the space to have exercise. Please leave it instant.

Thank you
Alisa rottenberg
A registered voter

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Baker, Claudia](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@fidisd.org"](mailto:info@fidisd.org)
Subject: Plan B please.....
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:46:29 PM

Good afternoon,

I have enjoyed many years with my dogs at Fiesta-voted Americas best dog park. The fenced in area should remain in tact. It is the only park of its kind in the county.

Thank you,

Claudia

Claudia Baker

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From: [Nanci J Flier-Todd Williams](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Plan B
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 5:20:47 PM

Please endorse Plan B.

Thank You,
Nanci Williams

From: [Donna Cescolini](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Planning for Fiesta island
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:10:53 PM

Please do not develop the dog area or any part of the island. This is one of the last natural areas with free parking, space for family dog's and water enjoyment in San Diego. We don't need another amphitheater or development. Please leave it aloneness

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Taskin, Shelly](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@fidisd.org"](mailto:info@fidisd.org)
Subject: Please adopt option B
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:06:37 AM
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

Please adopt option B for Fiesta Island!

While there are other dog parks in San Diego, none compare to the freedom, safety, space, and coastline that Fiesta Island provides. Even beyond San Diego, Fiesta Island is a rare gem for dogs and their owners. My family takes our dog, Rosie to Fiesta almost every weekend and it's always so enjoyable for all of us. We often meet up with friends who have dogs as well, as all dogs love it there and it is a place that us owners can also socialize and get exercise at. I love the wide open space at Fiesta Island dog park much more than the smaller dog parks where she doesn't get as much exercise. Fiesta is by far her favorite place to go, running in and out of the water, walking along the beach and wandering through the trails with us.

We greatly acknowledge how lucky we are to have such a park in San Diego and our so grateful to what it offers us and our pooch. We hope it stays as is and that the current off-leash area is preserved for all dogs and owners lucky enough to visit Fiesta Island.

Sincerely,

Shelly Taskin

4131 Mustang St.

San Diego, CA 92111

From: [Kay Moore](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Please Choose option B
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:20:30 AM

I am in support of Option B.

As a regular user of Fiesta Island, I am in full support of leaving this area as is, with land use primarily for dog and horse owners.

No more money spent, no more environmental impact, no more water use.

Leave it alone.

Kay Moore

Clairemont

92117

From: [Eggen, Mary](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Please leave Fiesta Island so it has a Dog Park Please. Thank you
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:06:23 PM

Mary Eggen
Payroll Specialist II
City of San Diego
Environmental Services Department

From: [Julie Corrales](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: [John LaRaia](#)
Subject: PROJ. #265605 - Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment Roadway Connection Project
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 5:41:16 PM
Attachments: [2017.05.30 Recirculated EIR Comments.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please see the attached comment letter re: the Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment Roadway Connection Project Recirculated EIR. Hard copy to follow.

Thank you,

Julie Corrales

Administrative Assistant, Development

H.G. Fenton Company

7577 Mission Valley Road

San Diego, CA 92108

Office: 619.400.0174 | Cell: 619.381.3406

www.hgfenton.com

From: [Libby Weber](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: Public comment on City plans for Fiesta Island: support for option B
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:12:52 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to comment on the proposed plans for developing/maintaining Fiesta Island and Mission Bay Park. My husband and I are frequent users of the fenced-off dog park area, usually 1-3 times per week, so we are glad to hear that the City is taking an interest in making Fiesta Island more accessible, safer for people and pets, and more convenient to use.

I strongly support Option B, which leaves a larger fenced dog area intact because it is currently our first choice for exercising both our dog and ourselves. Decreasing its size could potentially mean more conflict between people there for the dog area and people who are not. Furthermore, I believe option B better fulfills the stated goals of respecting long-term use of the island, reducing water use/pollution, and economic feasibility than option A.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Weber

San Diego, CA 92111

From: [terrij5503_](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Re: Fiesta Island
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:45:11 PM

Please use Option B for future Fiesta Island plans. My dogs and I love the dog park as it is. It's the only place in our urban environment where they can safely run free and swim. I like the size of the park the way it is since my energetic dogs and I walk the entire beach area--approximately two miles for our exercise at least three times per week. San Diego is so developed--please leave our little slice of heaven dog park alone--it's unique and will be loved and cherished by generations to come in San Diego!

Thank you,

Teresa Jones, Nico, Ginger, Kaela, Emme and the 200+ Dogs I have fostered who love Fiesta Island dog park

From: [Melissa Chavarro](#)
To: info@fidisd.org; [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:56:21 PM

Hello

Please add my zip code 92110 to my comments

On Thu, May 11, 2017 at 8:58 AM Melissa Chavarro <melissajmorrell@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

As a San Diego native and local, I depend on Fiesta Island for my dog's exercise 100%. As the city becomes more dense and individuals not being able to afford or rent homes with yards, Fiesta Island is one of the only places large enough to take our dogs for a walk or swim off leash for exercise and training. For this reason **I support option B** to keep the fenced off lease area at it's current size. I also recommend that Fiesta Island remain an off leash option for bay goers as this is one of the only locations to take our dogs to swim on hot days in the middle of the day.

If the city continues to grow and become dense, we need these large areas for our dogs to exercise because less and less families will have other options on their own property.

Sincerely,

--

Melissa Chavarro (formerly Melissa Morrell)

Please consider the environment before printing emails.

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Melissa Chavarro Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Hugh Constant](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidosd.org
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:12:01 AM

Support Option B

As voting citizens of San Diego since 1990, we are pleased to have exercised ourselves and our dogs frequently in the fenced, off-leash dog park on Fiesta Island.

This is a prime amenity for residents and visitors and needs to be maintained in size, ease of access and to be foxtail-free (\$500 vet fee every time one gets stuck in her nose or ears).

Hugh Constant

La Jolla

From: [Maxime Dumesnil](#)
To: [Michelle Mardahl-Dumesnil](#)
Cc: ladyskydiver@hotmail.com; [Jennifer Ekstein](#); [PLN PlanningCEOA](#); [Jennifer Suggs](#); [Adrienne Dubin](#); [Colleen conaway](#); [debbie easley](#); info@fidisd.org; [Erik Hauenstein](#)
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment"
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:57:55 AM

Got it, thanks!

On Jun 5, 2017 9:54 AM, "Michelle Mardahl-Dumesnil" <mmdumesnil@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

I am a taxpayer and resident for over 25 years and live at 5234 Lewison Court, San Diego 92120. One of the first places that I would frequently visit when I moved here from overdeveloped Orange County was the free space available at Fiesta Island. Over the years I have done multiple fun runs and use the off leash park for my dog at least once a week. I support Option B plan in which the off leash park is established as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan.

Additionally, this area has valuable Least Tern nesting sites that would be disturbed by more road traffic as proposed by the Option A plan. Aesthetically, we need to preserve open spaces and Option A more infringe on this valuable and limited resource. I would rather have some of this area be converted to a functioning wetland to help the Mission Bay water quality than to add more development.

As far as the Environmental Impact I would like to know the impact of Option A proposal will have on noise, air, land and water pollution by building an additional road on the small island.

From: [Judith Swain](#)
To: [Julie Swain](#)
Cc: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 12:16:14 PM

I agree with my sister--please leave the off-leash dog area in-tacked. Too few in San Diego already!
Judy

On Thu, May 11, 2017 at 3:10 PM, Julie Swain <julie.swainmd@gmail.com> wrote:

To the City,

We (Judy and Julie Swain) are in favor of Plan B that would avoid slicing up the off-leash dog area and would increase the area. Since there are no areas in San Diego City that are equivalent to that found at Fiesta Island, the area should be preserved and augmented.

Julie

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From: [Vicky Rowley](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:19:01 AM

BTW, my zip code is 92037.

On May 22, 2017, at 5:26 PM, Vicky Rowley <vrowley@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

I am writing to explain why I believe we should both not develop Fiesta Island, and why we should also preserve the large, fenced-in, off-leash dog training area that exists there. My concerns are these:

- What is the **source of funding for the construction and long-term maintenance** of the project?
- How would the **inevitable increase in traffic** on and off the island be handled/mitigated? How would **different use areas be segregated?**
- What would be the ***effective* reduction in leash free area?** Not the **calculated loss** in area, but how much would still be usable by current users.

I'll admit that some of the changes proposed look enticing at first glance, for example the public restrooms with dog wash, but the more you look at it and think about it, the more obvious it becomes that the changes should be made somewhere else

ECONOMICS: Without funds for maintenance, there will be no; upkeep of the proposed bridges, tunnels and fencing, no salary for the proposed lifeguard, no "native vegetation" area, no "parkland with turf", no effective bio-swale constructs protecting water quality, etc. And anyone with a dog will tell you that maintaining "native vegetation" or fancy "turf" in a dog park is not only expensive, but impossible. I do not believe income from the changes could possibly offset the cost of maintaining them. As shown, the plan is fiscally irresponsible.

USABILITY: The bridges over, tunnels under, roads through, fences everywhere suggest that we are trying to co-locate things that don't play nicely together. While it is obvious that a lot of thought has been put into the logistics of making the area more useable by a wider variety of San Diegans, the result is still a nightmare from a usability standpoint. I have, at times, had to wait 20-30 minutes to get off the island, or had it take 20 minutes to get around it to where the dog park is.

AFFECT ON CURRENT USERS: The dogs that *need* Fiesta Island are dogs that run fast and play hard. They bark at boats. They knock over small children. They splash without regard to, well, pretty much anything. Some of them startle at skate boards, bicycles and the like. Many, if not most, of these dogs would have

to avoid areas now being shared, not only with Least Terns, but now with swimmers, boaters and, presumably, bikers, roller blade skaters, small children, etc.? Also, these dogs need space and when you pile more of them into a smaller space, you risk having more “incidents”. What is proposed is a compromise, but one where both sides lose. Everyone would always be a little bit unhappy. The modifications would never live up to the hype. In exchange, the current users will have lost, not the calculated 6.5% of their area, but more like 50% of their area.

On a personal note, **Fiesta Island’s *large* off-leash area has directly reduced stress and improved physical fitness in our family. Please don’t change it.** As I’m sure you know, having a pet and exercising are two things known to make people happier, but the transition in our family since we rescued “Indi” and began taking her to Fiesta Island has been significant. We discovered first-hand that our entire family is happier if our dog gets to run and play with other dogs, not in a tiny neighborhood dog park where we sit on a bench and play with our respective cell phones, but at Fiesta Island, where we can talk to each other while she zooms around showing us how to make friends with total strangers.

Sincerely,
Vicky Rowley (aka Indi’s mom)

From: [Dave Imes](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: info@fidisd.org
Subject: RE: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:56:26 PM

Please add our address to this
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From: Dave Imes [mailto:dimes80@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 6:57 PM
To: 'PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov'
Cc: 'info@fidisd.org'
Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

We, my wife and I, regularly use the off leash dog area with our 2 dogs. It is good exercise for all of us and a chance for the dogs to run and be dogs. Our mutt, Bizmarck loves running along the beach chasing after the noise of the boat wake as it runs along the shoreline. He also is a nut about swimming after things in the water. Occasionally we have to shorten our route since he will swim out to the buoys in the water ski area thinking that they are balls for him to play with. Our beagle, Patty, enjoys the wide open area in the middle of the fenced area. She will go off after a scent and is oblivious to everything around her. We feel safe letting her roam about and be a beagle at Fiesta Island, not something we can do near our home in Nestor. We understand that changes are coming to Fiesta Island and would like to see "**Option B**" keeping the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area as the final approved plan.

Thank you for your time reading this

From: [Lauren Vollrath](#)
To: [Suzanne Husami](#)
Cc: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#); info@FIDOSD.org
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:03:43 PM

To Whom this May Concern,

I could not agree more with Suzie's comments. Not only do Suzie and I and our dogs love Fiesta Island, but we have MANY friends who also utilize the park weekly! The reasons Fiesta Island dog park is so popular are the exact threats to the park currently. The vast off-leash area, the ease owners can have not worrying about roads and traffic, and the feeling of being in the outdoors and not just a city park.

I love Fiesta and support Option B.

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On Jun 6, 2017, at 8:29 AM, Suzanne Husami <suzie.husami@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello!

Fiesta Island is a very special off-leash park specifically because it is so large and environmentally diverse - whilst remaining completely closed off from roads and streets. My dog loves to explore (and run off into a street if it's open. This is never a problem at Fiesta Island.) Please keep Fiesta intact as it is. My dog and my friends dogs LOVE this location exactly the way that it is. Option B is environmentally friendly - and is millions of dollars cheaper than Option A.

Thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,

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From: [Colleen Stoyas](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Re: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update – Fiesta Island Amendment Read more: San Diego Community News Group - City seeks public comment on Fiesta Island dog park plans
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 9:17:28 AM

Dear City Administrator,

After attending the community meeting at Mission Bay High School I wanted to add to my comments submitted May 23rd (below). South Shores Park in Mission Bay is significantly more accessible for paddleboarders than Fiesta Island & is under utilized as a space. When combined with the expense and pollution associated with building a road through the middle of the South West quadrant of Fiesta Island, option A makes no sense environmentally or for the long term users of Fiesta Island. Please support Option B for Fiesta Island, or even the no development option.

Best,
Colleen Stoyas

On Tue, May 23, 2017 at 5:19 PM Colleen Stoyas <cstoyas2@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear City of San Diego Administrators,

I am writing in strong support of Option B, retaining the fenced dog park at Fiesta Island and NOT building a road through it.

The City's public notice states, "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long-term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement."

Option B, retaining the dog park, clearly fulfills this promise. I have been taking my dog to Fiesta Island minimally 5 mornings a week for the last 4.5 years, which clearly fits the "long term existing uses of the island" category. The island is a community, I know many of the people that walk daily at the same time as me. And many of the people have been taking their dogs to the Fiesta Island fenced dog park even longer than me (5+ years!).

Building a road through the island and further development of the land will cost the city a large sum of money in addition to reducing access for pet owners. Moreover, construction and development of the Fiesta Island fenced dog park will generate large amounts of noise, trash, and fumes very near the protected least tern nesting areas.

As a renter in a city with premium real estate, I do not have a yard and need somewhere large to exercise my dog offleash. The few other beaches available to dog owners are small and are often extremely crowded, which can and does create altercations between people or dogs. Fiesta Island dog park is the only place where I can walk or run two miles while my dog sprints, explores, and sniffs to his heart's content. We often call this "The Happiest Place on Earth". Reducing the size of the park will eliminate the qualities that make this dog park special.

Again, I strongly support Option B for Fiesta Island development. It respects the long term existing use of the island, produces a responsible impact on the environment, and provides a unique space to people who live in a dense and expensive city and need a place to exercise their pets.

Thank you for your time,
Colleen A. Stoyas

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From: [Taskin, Shelly](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Cc: ["info@fidosd.org"](mailto:info@fidosd.org)
Subject: Recall: Please adopt option B
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:50:48 AM

Taskin, Shelly would like to recall the message, "Please adopt option B".

From: [d hildebrand](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Regarding Fiesta Island
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 1:07:21 PM

1) one of the BEST places to take my dogs to.

I want it to remain a leash-free area with the rest of the island for bicyclists, runners, OMBAC, rocket launch, horse and horseback riding area and dog training area.

2) it needs to remain an open space bringing in developments and traffic would be detrimental to the health of the area... it's a backwater.

3) leave it to the people... not moneygrubbers!

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Eros Hoagland](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA; info@fidosd.org](#)
Subject: Save Fiesta Island for dogs
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 8:04:09 AM

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strongest possible support for the Fiesta Island Dog Park to remain completely intact and preserved for off-leash use. I walk at Fiesta Island multiple times per week with my toddler and dog, and have done so for years. We take great pride in this beautiful outdoor space. It is one of San Diego's natural treasures.

Right now, the space is perfect. None other like it exists in San Diego. It is extremely important to have a place where both humans and dogs can freely exercise.

There is no need for additional fencing, an amphitheater, or additional roads on Fiesta Island.

Developing this beautiful preserved green space would be an egregious mistake. San Diego is already overbuilt and overdeveloped. We need to protect what little green space we still have; for our own physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Please preserve this beautiful resource for future generations and their four-legged friends by establishing it as a permanent part of the Mission Bay Park Plan as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Eros Hoagland

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From: [Mary Ryan](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: support adopting OPTION B
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:33:33 PM

To whom it may concern:

My family and I support adopting OPTION B re: the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Fiesta Island Amendment.

This is an essential off-leash area for countless dog owners in our San Diego community. The large open space is ideal for dogs to exercise, play, practice good behavior, and obtain a sense of freedom. Open space for dogs is highly limited in San Diego County. As a resident of Encinitas, we travel down to Fiesta Island nearly weekly to allow our dogs to run freely. Fiesta Island is essential during the hot summer months when access to Del Mar Beach closes.

Thank you for important consideration of this matter.

Mary Ryan

From: [Dave](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Support for Plan B at Fiesta Island
Date: Monday, May 15, 2017 6:48:07 AM

The area at Fiesta Island for dogs and people needs to remain in use. This area is an important San Diego landmark. Any plan an to shut down this venue is a mistake. Please allow San Diego to keep this location available for dog exercise open. Thank you

Dave Elmore

Sent from my iPad

From: [Triglia, Cory \[US\] \(AS\)](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Support of Option B
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:33:01 AM

Environmentally putting in a road through an area will bring up many gases and is just not needed given all the other areas available for non-motorized vehicles.

You can drop a Kayak anywhere along Fiesta Island amongst other Mission Bay areas.

The area is quite and preserves for all animals birds, fish, all sealife – this road will disturb all of that in addition to polluting the area where these animals (whose home it really is) habitat.

Please consider this along with the many other supporters of Option B (including dog park) in leaving the area alone (as is).

You leave an area for OTL which is utilized 2 weeks of the year alone, but are trying to put a road in an area which is used by hundreds to thousands everyday who enjoy the peacefulness and natural state it is.

This road will also cut out access flow to the whole backside of the beach area wherein you will have to get your dog (that is offleash) – leash the dog, open a gate, cross a road, go through another gate and then finally get to the other side.

I just fail to see the benefits of this, please implement Option B for all of San Diegans who use this area daily by the hundreds and thousands – leave it as is.

Thank you.

From: [Sharon Allen](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Support Option B Concept Plan, for 485 acre Fiesta Island area.
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:26:34 PM

To: PlanningCEQA@sandiego.
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Subject: Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment

Dear Planning CEQA,

As a resident of San Diego, 92101, I am writing to "Support Option B" by asking for "your support for the amendment to the Park Master Plan, known as the Concept Plan, for the 485 acre Fiesta Island area."

My family and our dog(s) play at the off-leash dog park at least a few times a week! The off-leash area is great as a meeting place for friends, family and pets to convene and start the weekend in a positive way with exercise, beach time, play time and good conversation. All of these support healthy lifestyles that are so a part of the San Diego culture. If this off-leash space were to be decreased or removed it would be very upsetting to our family, as the proximity to Mission Bay and Fiesta Island is one of the main reasons that we chose to purchase a home in San Diego.

"Option B" includes a total of approximately 93 acres of dog off-leash use within the southwest area.
<http://bit.ly/2sUavbc>

Off-leash, protected (vehicle free) use of this area is one of San Diego's greatest assets. As an "open-space" park in the middle of the city, the ability to walk for 30+ minutes on beach and flat acreage with our dogs is extremely rare for those of us who live in the urban area of San Diego. Option B provides for the greatest amount of exercise for those of us who opt out of watersports. We need uninterrupted space, access to the water for play and appropriate fox-tail mitigation for regular enjoyment of the park area for ourselves and our dogs.

It is commonplace to see joggers, bicyclists and others using the area to play with our four-legged family members, accessing the beach areas for water play fetch games and exercise.

It is not just San Diegan's enjoying and appreciating the large space of the off-leash area. Informal surveys of weekend visitors reveal a large number of them travel from all areas of Southern California to visit this unique dog park, which was voted Best Dog Park in the Nation, October 2016, by USA Today.

Thank you for giving this your serious consideration! Let's make sure San Diego remains one of America's finest city's. . . by remaining dog friendly!

Sincerely!

Sharon Allen
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San Diego, CA

From: [Trevor Garb](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: support option B for Fiesta Island
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:17:51 PM

Please register my support for Option B for Fiesta Island. It is a San Diego treasure and a rare, safe place for dogs to run off leash.

Thank you - Trevor Garb

From: [Lindsey Peavey](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: support OPTION B re: the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Fiesta Island Amendment
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:18:24 PM

To whom it may concern:

My family and I support adopting OPTION B re: the Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update, Fiesta Island Amendment.

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Thank you for important consideration of this matter.

Lindsey Peavey (619-808-7730)

From: [Shane D](#)
To: [PLN_PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: Support Option B
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:40:21 AM

Dear Planners,

Fiesta Island is the best dog park in San Diego and to divide it with a road and limit the space would be crushing to those who love and use this place for themselves and their dogs. The proposed changes would devastate this beautiful spot. Friends come from far and wide, including out of town, to enjoy Fiesta Island with their dogs. Please select Option B to keep the area intact and increase the fenced, off-leash area. Please!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
S Diamond

From: [Mary Van Vorous](#)
To: [PLN PlanningCEQA](#)
Subject: You MUST put "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update - Fiesta Island Amendment" in the Subject Line
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 6:54:04 PM

This is a nice place for people to be able to take their dogs and let them run free and socialize with other animals while people socialize with other people my dog loves this place please we want to adopt option B

MAUVV