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Mike Reynolds
Acting National Park Service Director
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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

On behalf of the Crissy Field Dog Group, we are writing in response to the National Park Service's press announcement on October 19, 2017 that you have permanently ended the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Dog Management planning and rulemaking process and that dog management in the GGNRA will be reverted back to the 1979 Pet Policy (along with the already in place seasonal restrictions for the Crissy Field and Ocean Beach Wildlife Protection Areas for the Snowy Plover) as the status quo.

In order to close out this matter once and for all, we are requesting that NPS publish a Notice in the Federal Register immediately to rescind the GGNRA's Dog Management Proposed Rule. This Proposed Rule for Dog Management in the GGNRA was published in the Federal Register on February 24, 2016 (81 FR 9139).

In addition, despite the fact that this Plan was just a Proposed Rule that was never finalized, NPS nonetheless amended the GGNRA's General Management Plan to include restrictive language designed to implement the Plan as if it was a Final Rule. Those revisions need to be excised as part of, or in addition to, the withdrawal of this Proposed Rule.

CFDG has always supported and is eager to help craft reasonable, adaptive measures that allow continued off leash recreation in the GGNRA. To this end, CFDG has historically supported a number of mitigation measures to address management issues for the dogs in the GGNRA. These measures include construction solutions such as post and cable fencing and vegetative barriers, clear

and accurate signage, educational outreach, and a clear enforcement program. For example, the GGNRA partnered with the San Francisco SPCA and CFDG in creating a very successful Open Space Dog Etiquette Program at Crissy Field. Expanding on a program like this one will provide dog owners and their dogs the tools they need for a positive and safe experience for all visitors in the GGNRA. We also advocate for a recreational roundtable in which designated recreational user groups meet six times a year to address outstanding issues and take preventive measures to avoid future conflicts.

However, the next step in this land use process is for NPS and GGNRA to regain the public's trust and confidence and be willing to work openly with diverse neighborhoods and communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. CFDG is open to this form of dialogue and encourages active community engagement.

I look forward in hearing back from you soon to receive an update.

Sincerely,

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