



# SIERRA CLUB

## LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER

SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

April 4, 2022

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
401 Winslow St.  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: April 5, 2022, Agenda Item #7, PARKS / PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dear President Horsley and Supervisors,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter has consistently presented our opposition to permitting off-leash dogs at Pillar Point, both in written form (letter of 11/01/21 attached) and by oral comment from Chapter leadership during San Mateo County's public process at the Parks Commission, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings on this topic.

We particularly support the February 9, 2022, decision of your Planning Commission to deny a coastal development permit, as presented, that would have allowed off-leash dogs at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park.

The appeal of that decision now before you would modify the Planning Commission's denial as applying only to Pillar Point Bluff and not to Quarry Park. This concept had support from the Planning Commissioners during their deliberations but the Commission was constrained to address only the permit as presented.

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter supports the compromise now before you.

Additionally, we are hopeful that your Board will also take it into consideration that there currently exists a high level of non-compliance - 48% - at Pillar Point Bluff as shown in your certified environmental document. We believe that this functions as a coastal access discouragement not only to pedestrians and equestrians but also to those people who follow the County's leash law.

We thank the Parks Director and Planning Staff for bringing this compromise forward for your consideration and we are hopeful for your support.

Sincerely,

James Eggers  
Executive Director  
Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club