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SENT BY E-MAIL

Chair Alison Fleck and Commission Members  
Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Commission  
Benicia, CA 94510

RE: Include a fenced, off-leash dog park south of I-780 in the Benicia Parks Master Plan

Dear Chair and Commission Members:

I am following up on my letter of comment I sent in October 2023 about the Parks Master Plan Update regarding the need for a fenced, off-leash dog park south of I-780. I have had a chance to review the draft Parks Master Plan Update and see that a second dog park is included to be located in Southampton Park. This is not a good location for the following reasons:

- It is up in the hills above I-780, too close to the existing dog park in the Community Park.
- It is surrounded by single family homes interspersed by large sloped open space areas. Only a small number of homes would be within walking distance of a new dog park in this location, compared with one south of I-780.
- The park is steeply sloped on three sides. The only entry point is from Chelsea Hills Drive and the sloped areas in the park would not be easily used people with mobility limitations.

Please include in your recommendations to the City Council about the Parks Master Plan that a new fenced, off-leash dog park be included in Benicia south of I-780. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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cc. Director Mike Dotson