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April 25, 2016

The Honorable Michelle Steel, Vice-Chair  
Orange County Board of Supervisors  
10 Civic Center Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Ana, California 92714

Dear Supervisor Steel:

I am writing in personal support of your proposed amendment to the Ordinances of the County of Orange regarding the Restraint of Dogs, which would provide the authority for the Board of Supervisors to designate "off-leash" areas for pet dogs.

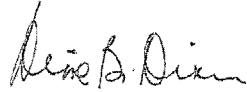
As a dog owner myself, I share the community's enthusiasm for a fun, safe, and clean off-leash experience for our dogs. In Newport Beach between our western city limits and Huntington Beach, many dog owners have grown to use and appreciate a small strip of land as a de facto dog beach. I believe that this change to current County leash laws along with a resolution designating this area as "leash-free" is one of several steps forward to resolving some of the concerns to residents in the area.

Other actions that will be important on both the City's part and that of the County are a strong program of education and information to delineate City versus County beach, and City versus County rules. As this beach becomes more popular (it certainly will, with a legal off-leash zone), your office's cooperation in working with us on good accessways, signage, and possibly even better vehicular access and parking to the area, both on the coastward and inland side of PCH, will be exceptionally helpful.

As I close, I would note that the Newport Beach City Council has not taken a formal position on changing the County codes in this regard, and this letter should not be construed as official City policy. I wanted to make it clear to you, though, that I support your proposal to amend the County Ordinances to allow the Board of Supervisors to designate "off-leash" areas

for pet dogs, and that I look forward to working on methods that protect adjacent residents as well as keep the area safe, clean, and fun.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane B. Dixon".

Diane Brooks Dixon  
Mayor of Newport Beach  
Council Member, District #1