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The Honorable Michelle Steel, Vice-Chair
Orange County Board of Supervisors
10 Civic Center Plaza, 5th 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.

Due to the overwhelming response from residents from Newport Beach, who use a small strip of land between the cities of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach 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 the best step forward to resolving some of the concerns to residents in the area.

With strong support at Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission, it seems to me that many Newport Beach residents wish to preserve the off-leash use of this local treasure. The Newport Beach City Council, however, has not taken a formal position on this as a body, and this letter should not be construed as official City policy.

I wanted to make it clear to you, though, that I enthusiastically support your proposal to amend the County Ordinances to allow the Board of Supervisors to designate "off-leash" areas for pet dogs.

Sincerely,

Tony Petros
Council Member, District #2
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