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April 22, 2016

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

Dear Supervisor Steel:

Thank you for the Board's consideration of an item on the April 26, 2016 Board meeting that would consider amending the Orange County Codified Ordinances to allow an off-leash dog area, in our case specifically in the Santa Ana River mouth between Newport Beach and Huntington Beach (aka "Dog Beach").

As you are aware, our community's Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission had a recent public meeting about Dog Beach. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission suggested two things. The first related to a proposed MOU that would have the City enforce County prohibitions against dogs on the beach as well as leash laws - the Commission recommended against that action.

The Commission instead suggested working with the broader community to keep the area "as is," but to improve signage, add dog bag dispensers, appropriately delineate where the City beach starts, and to examine "what would be needed to make it lawful to allow dogs off leash in this area and to make it a more codified amenity for the community." Your Board's action on Tuesday is a first step in that regard.

Should the Board approve Vice-Chair Steel's suggestions, the City would begin work to follow our Commission's recommendations relating to improving safety and limited amenities at the dog beach. I would also move on two other fronts:

- (1) To reach out to dog beach users to form a "Friends" group that would help keep the beach a safe, fun, and low-impact use for Dog Beach users and the immediate neighborhood; and

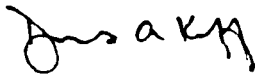
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- (2) To follow up on a significantly-different MOU between the City and the County that might allow City staff to enforce those Dog Beach laws that might remain in place, such as waste pickup.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this approach (949-644-3001). As always, we thank you for your good service to the people of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Kiff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Kiff

City Manager

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Ms. Carol Jacobs, Assistant City Manager  
Police Chief Jon Lewis, NBPD  
Ms. Laura Detweiler, Recreation and Sr. Services Director