

From: [Katie Sotheran](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Heavy handed treatment of dog owners in Clark Field
Date: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:50:23 AM

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Hi - I just wanted to clarify -the below is intended for the 'public comment' part of tomorrow's City Council meeting. Please can you ensure it is put forward? And I amended the text to add a suggestion below too:



Katie Sotheran <katiesotheran@gmail.com>

Sun, Dec 10, 9:51 AM (1 day ago)



to City



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Would the City consider creating an off leash area - even for limited hours? E.g. use of the area behind Logan Field, say before 8am?

Meanwhile, please redirect community services and police to issues that affect public safety and enjoyment.

Regards

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