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124	What about Pondersosa Park?	Apr 5, 2013 8:38 AM
125	I support off-leash areas in each of them. Though some closer to the Birdland/Ponderosa area would be welcome.	Apr 5, 2013 7:46 AM
126	I think Sunnyvale is vast enough that the parks should be in different areas of the city.	Apr 5, 2013 7:28 AM
127	Somewhere near the new Seven Seas park site would be preferable, at the intersection of Morse and the green belt.	Apr 5, 2013 2:21 AM
128	I would suggest Panama Park as another location. Panama Park serves a very big neighborhood. It is a sport park, but 99% of time it is not used except by dog owners. I would propose the following solution: - Allow the dog off leash time (preferably a couple of hours in the morning, and a couple of hours before sunset), may exclude weekends - Complete the fencing around the park for safety reasons (some perimeter areas do not have a fence) - Add a rule that only the well-behaved (non-aggressive) dogs could be in the park off-leash, and owners are responsible for their dogs.	Apr 5, 2013 2:05 AM
129	I don't want them anywhere.	Apr 4, 2013 11:05 PM
130	Las Palmas Park already has a big space allocated for the existing dog park. It does not need yet another area just for small dogs. In fact, would rather see the space used for a bigger area for BBQ and picnic tables!	Apr 4, 2013 3:15 PM
131	Please include Panama Park to your list! We have a large group of nearby residents that come here with our dogs everyday. Thank you!	Apr 4, 2013 2:49 PM
132	Las Palmas has a very nice dog park already. Let's spend money wisely. Try taking the existing dog park at Las Palmas and landscaping it w/ some grass and maybe having a "suggested" area for small dogs.	Apr 4, 2013 2:43 PM
133	No other locations other than above would be feasible for a dog park, but I still do not support dog parks.	Apr 4, 2013 2:07 PM
134	I prefer Lakewood and Fair Oaks first. North Sunnyvale is growing very rapidly, with a lot of multi-tenant housing, which doesn't have yards for dogs. We need to address this rapid growth in an already VERY underserved area of the city.	Apr 4, 2013 11:21 AM
135	Dog parks need to be close to where the dog owners live, but don't have to be 10 acre plots of land. So Butcher's triangle is one choice, if only it was fenced, had water for the dogs, and trash cans. I am confident that there are many small areas available, if only the City opened up its eyes and looked for non-traditional areas. Las Palmas is great, but only for those that live in the immediate area of Las Palmas Park. The City needs many more dog parks, not just one or two.	Apr 4, 2013 9:34 AM
136	De Anza Park has plenty of space for off-leash dogs.	Apr 4, 2013 9:24 AM
137	Panama Park a lot of dogs are using that already	Apr 3, 2013 11:31 PM
138	Panama Park	Apr 3, 2013 10:18 PM

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139	There is already a dog park in the south and there will soon be another just over the bike/ ped bridge in Cupertino so I don't think another is needed in that part of town. Besides, Serra Park has already given up space to batting cages and baseball (not softball) fields. I see no appropriate location for a dog park at Serra. If we must have more dog parks, please put them nearer to higher density developments, where they are needed more. or in another part of town.	Apr 3, 2013 9:20 PM
140	Raynor	Apr 3, 2013 7:49 PM
141	Panama park is empty many hours. early morning -4:30 AND LATE EVENING	Apr 3, 2013 7:22 PM
142	Same as above. In addition, it would bring more traffic into the neighborhoods. We are already heavily impacted with cars racing up and down the street trying to drop off or pick up kids at day care, or taking classes at the French and dance schools.	Apr 3, 2013 6:58 PM
143	On any given day you will see dogs OFF LEASH on the open fields at Las Palmas. Clearly the park codes are not enforced. My concern w/ adding a separate small dog area in Las Palmas: - If it is part of the existing dog area, then fine, or if you can set aside an area w/o taking away from the openness of the rest of Las Palmas, then ok. - Would small dog owners actually use the dog area. Right now they just use the open field w/o regard to rules.	Apr 3, 2013 5:45 PM
144	I live in Southern Sunnyvale and would prefer dog areas in southern parks	Apr 3, 2013 5:33 PM
145	I'm not familiar with the 2 locatiions	Apr 3, 2013 5:29 PM
146	Panama Park are would be ideal. Only share the area with LL kids.	Apr 3, 2013 4:05 PM
147	I haven't seen a lot of existing extra space at the parks.	Apr 3, 2013 3:10 PM
148	I would like specific hours when I can legally take my dog to a non-fenced area.	Apr 3, 2013 1:14 PM
149	Serra is best choice due to grass, benches, shade trees, trash cans, etc. Perfect.	Apr 3, 2013 12:05 PM
150	Las Palmas is fine and I have taken our dog visitors there. If you want a second dog park, put it in Baylands away from the population area and the parks above which already get very heavy people useage	Apr 3, 2013 11:43 AM
151	more of the same from the above answer	Apr 3, 2013 11:41 AM
152	Okay, as long as it's fenced off.	Apr 3, 2013 11:40 AM
153	We need more small dog areas.	Apr 3, 2013 11:35 AM
154	Las Palmas is too small for a separate section. Dogs need to RUN.	Apr 3, 2013 10:54 AM
155	Is not about location is about the distribution of money and space available in the city Vs the real needs of the population. Most of us live in apartments and condos where we barely have spaces for ourselves so thinking about special places for dogs doesn't sound very appealing to me.	Apr 3, 2013 10:18 AM

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156	City should create a new separate park for dogs. Creating a new park will not take away existing space from people.	Apr 3, 2013 10:11 AM
157	If you don't get more dog parks, everyone will just start using regular parks. It's best to have an area for the dogs and there are A LOT of dogs in Sunnyvale! Las Palmas park is also too dirty.	Apr 3, 2013 10:02 AM
158	I live near Fair Oaks Park and folks already go there to run their dogs off lease. It would be great to have a separate area.	Apr 3, 2013 9:42 AM
159	De Anza Park or Greenwood Park (Ramona Ave.)	Apr 3, 2013 9:18 AM
160	Having an off-leash area at Raynor park would be very much appreciated.	Apr 3, 2013 9:08 AM
161	There is already a dog park at Las Palmas so I'm a little confused on this one.	Apr 3, 2013 8:29 AM
162	No permanently fenced areas. Instead, allow people to have specific hours at each of these parks and also at Panama and Raynor and Ponderosa when they can take their dogs off leash in a pre-approved portion (area) of the park that is NOT fenced. I know you are worried about liability but you are PUNISHING good citizens and Sunnyvale tax payers. Buy better liability insurance if you have to and pass the cost on. Other cities have done this.	Apr 2, 2013 8:22 PM
163	Panama Park Raynor Park	Apr 2, 2013 8:02 PM
164	Panama park, because it is almost the whole days empty.	Apr 2, 2013 6:50 PM
165	Although we would love any additional dog parks on Sunnyvale, we live in the Ortega-Panama neighborhood, So we would shill have to drive to any of these locations. Ortega would be our first choice for a small dog park.	Apr 2, 2013 4:45 PM

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1	Dogs have a mind of their own. I often go jogging and would rather not have things chasing me.	May 10, 2013 10:56 PM
2	Some people have fears about dogs. It would not be inclusive ruling.	May 10, 2013 4:16 PM
3	Risks are high	May 10, 2013 1:42 PM
4	The park needs to accommodate non-dog people as well.	May 10, 2013 1:34 PM
5	Too dangerous	May 10, 2013 1:03 PM
6	needs enclosurement	May 9, 2013 5:55 PM
7	Off leash dog parks should be fenced	May 9, 2013 4:19 PM
8	Although nothing is COMPLETELY safe, having no fences I feel is not safe for people or dogs	May 9, 2013 4:10 PM
9	It's too difficult to contain dogs in a designated area without some sort of perimeter. The idea of letting dogs off-leash is to be able to let them roam but know they are safe within a set boundary.	May 9, 2013 3:51 PM
10	I believe it is a safety issue and enforcement issue to have designated off-leash areas w/o fencing and strongly do not support it. No matter how "well behaved" an owner might think their dog is, it is not 100% guaranteed that every dog in an off-leash area w/o fencing can be controlled by voice commands. Both dogs walking on leash with their owners and non-dog walkers in a park are at risk of being greeted by an unleashed dog whether wanted or not. It doesn't matter whether an area is off-leash area without fencing is designated or not, as I don't think that it will be likely that all unleashed dogs would only stay in a particular area. Dogs can't read signs and it's likely that an owner will not be able to react quickly enough if something bad were to happen outside the designated area (e.g. off leash dog approaches an on leash dog or walker which feels threatened, owner of unleashed dog too far and/or too slow to retrieve/recall dog, child scared of unwanted attention by unleashed dog, etc..) Realistically, I don't think that enforcement or limiting off leash dogs in designated areas would really happen. Who would be responsible and given authority for enforcing the policy?	May 8, 2013 9:43 PM
11	Dogs not WELL trained could go after other dogs and/or persons... no matter how well trained they may seem	May 8, 2013 5:16 PM
12	You can control most dogs most of the time, but you can't control all dogs all of the time. Unleashed dogs behave differently from leashed dogs, so when the two meet, the potential for disastrous situations occur.	May 8, 2013 3:20 PM
13	Everyone does it already. Designating an area as off-leash isn't going to change anything at all, but go ahead and make the change.	May 6, 2013 12:38 PM
14	Financial cost	May 5, 2013 3:27 AM
15	Because there are too many irresponsible large dog owners, with untrained dogs. This can present potentially dangerous situations.	May 4, 2013 7:39 PM
16	Not all dogs who are taken to off-leash areas have good recall and I have	May 4, 2013 4:59 PM

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	personally seen unexpected (and all-too-often adverse) encounters between the off-leash dogs and people, nearby leashed dogs, and wild life (e.g., birds, squirrels). In addition, there are often unseen (or ignored) feces left in areas that others are exposed to in parks where unofficial off-leash dog groups meet (e.g., Ponderosa Park/School grounds). I prefer areas to be specifically designated for this purpose (i.e., enclosed dog park), and not a universal, multipurpose public area. Typically dog parks are designed for the functionality and durability of such use; and, therefore amenities, such as artificial turf, double entry doors, as well as trash containers and bag dispensers are presented and accessible.	
17	This would only lead to injuries on humans and animals. This concept is a sure gateway for irresponsible dog owners to be even more irresponsible. Animal Control and the City can not even deal with enforcing the codes as they are. So how are they going to justify supporting an arena of unsupervised activity such as this. The off-leash alternative is a liability that Sunnyvale can not afford.	May 3, 2013 10:09 AM
18	not so much at restricted times, but only at 1 or 2 parks.	May 3, 2013 10:03 AM
19	Dogs need to be controlled. When they are off leash and not fenced it can frighten children and make the parks inhospitable (poop) for other activities.	May 3, 2013 9:01 AM
20	As long as they are not near any major streets where the dogs could run into traffic. I think there should still be some sort of boundary to prevent that from happening.	May 2, 2013 5:26 PM
21	It is very hard to enforce.	May 2, 2013 5:24 PM
22	Some people are afraid of dogs, some people get a new dog and think you can let them off the leash and the dog could run into the street and get hurt or cause others to get hurt.	May 2, 2013 5:10 PM
23	Not everyone is a dog person. Small children can be easily frightened by well meaning but enthusiastic dogs. The park should be enjoyable for everyone - dogs and humans. This is best served by keeping the off-leash dogs in their own area.	May 2, 2013 12:22 PM
24	Would be worried that they could run and get into traffic or get into people yards.	May 2, 2013 11:32 AM
25	All the parks are already de facto off leash areas as it is. No one would stay in these so-called designated areas.	May 2, 2013 8:58 AM
26	Safety. Also, it would make it difficult to walk a dog on-leash during those times.	May 1, 2013 8:33 PM
27	Never! Even with the best behaved dogs, you are asking for trouble. There is always going to be an owner who doesn't follow the rules or can't manage his dog. Safety should be number one priority for the city of Sunnyvale and dogs can bite or injure a person especially a child who doesn't know any better. Dogs can also sense fear so they might lunge at a person who is afraid of dogs because the owner does not have a leash on the dog. This is a very bad idea.	May 1, 2013 5:27 PM
28	Dangerous	May 1, 2013 4:49 PM
29	For the safety of the dogs, their owners, and surrounding people.	May 1, 2013 4:25 PM

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30	Dogs can be very dangerous to babies	May 1, 2013 4:21 PM
31	Most owners are not responsible enough to have their dogs listen and come when called.	May 1, 2013 1:18 PM
32	i dont ever let my dog off leash, but when dogs are off leash it can create problems for those who keep there dogs on leashes	May 1, 2013 11:09 AM
33	Never. I got bit by two "perfect controlled dogs' according to owners. One dog came across Hyde Park and killed my 22 years old blind cat sitting in sun at 9 am on my porch!! One small dog ran from owner some 30 ft or so to bark at me (78 yr old) riding my bike and startling me so I could have fallen off. Dogs are everywhere in children's sand....owners don't go far to pick up feces...loose dogs mean 'shit' everywhere.	May 1, 2013 10:25 AM
34	Too risky for dogs that might get chased by other dogs. With fencing, noone needs to be deprived of the rest of the park at any time.	Apr 30, 2013 4:59 PM
35	I have a dog who is leash reactive. We walk by Fair Oaks Park all the time. We would either have to avoid the park altogether if there were dogs off leash at the park.	Apr 30, 2013 3:02 PM
36	Safety of children and other patrons at park.	Apr 30, 2013 12:38 PM
37	No., because of the financial costs involved to implement and maintain.	Apr 30, 2013 3:47 AM
38	some dogs are not around children at home and at the park they are often allowed to run long distance with their owner talking with others or busy doing other things and therefore run the risk of going towards family at the park who have small children who don't know animals, think all animals are to be petted along with adults who are afraid of dogs are elder or handicap persons who could not guard off a dog. Totally against this at a park with families, elders, and others. Make dog parks for dogs only then.	Apr 29, 2013 10:04 PM
39	See answer to #1 above.	Apr 29, 2013 9:24 PM
40	not safe for anyone especially kids.	Apr 29, 2013 8:01 AM
41	Although most dog owners are responsible enough to know whether their dogs are safe off-leash, the ones who are not responsible enough would cause big problems the first time one of their pets knocked over a child or attacked another dog.	Apr 29, 2013 6:02 AM
42	NO. It is simply too dangerous for people. No one can control their dog when it is off lease. This is such a liability for the city I can't believe it is even being considered. Currently with dogs not being allowed in parks, my kids get chased by dogs running in the grassy area in the parks. It would be dramatically more dangerous if it was "allowed". Plus, who could control what type of dogs are running around? Who would stop a pitbull?	Apr 28, 2013 9:31 AM
43	off-leash areas should always be fenced in so owners have at least a little control over where their dog goes	Apr 27, 2013 10:57 PM
44	They could go into traffic.	Apr 27, 2013 12:00 AM

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45	Good fencing is necessary to keep dogs from getting too far away or running into a busy street.	Apr 26, 2013 4:37 PM
46	Some people are afraid of dogs running up to them, some problems occur between on & off leash dogs, and also street traffic may be too close.	Apr 25, 2013 4:07 PM
47	Only with trained dogs that follow owners commands.	Apr 25, 2013 2:12 PM
48	It can be intimidating to children, and has happened to my children in the past	Apr 25, 2013 1:43 PM
49	We need a fence arera for off-leash area so dog will not run awan.	Apr 25, 2013 1:17 PM
50	unsafe. some citizens are fearful of dogs. most dogs have ineffective recall-- can run off when they see other dog, squirrel, jogger, kids running, cats, etc.	Apr 25, 2013 1:18 AM
51	When there is an enclosed fence, most people understand that their dog must be socialized in order to enter. Without an enclosed fence, people may be tempted to bring an unsocial or aggressive dog which would cause unnecessary problems for citizens and possibly the Public Safety officers.	Apr 24, 2013 11:30 AM
52	Fencing is important to protect children.	Apr 24, 2013 9:04 AM
53	Off leash safety can only be ensured in fenced areas. There is too much variability in dog behavior (and owner competence) to allow unrestrained areas.	Apr 24, 2013 8:20 AM
54	Too much potential for dogs getting into it with each other	Apr 23, 2013 10:32 PM
55	In the interest of public safety (dogs that are not vaccinated against Rabies)	Apr 23, 2013 6:26 PM
56	The safety factor for dogs and people.	Apr 23, 2013 3:56 PM
57	Some small dos chase birds, buttrflies and anything that flies so they could run away no matter how mcuh training by owner!	Apr 23, 2013 3:38 PM
58	Too dangerous.	Apr 23, 2013 2:58 PM
59	I am more concerned with the safety of the dog. Without the fencing what is to stop them from running onto the road or some other danger.	Apr 23, 2013 2:05 PM
60	not safe; dogs might run out into traffic or get lost from owner and possibly get injured or injure another pet or person.	Apr 23, 2013 1:34 PM
61	A lot of dog owner's don't supervise their dogs even in a fenced area, and many aren't trained with a good recall. I could see the potential for dogs running off and getting into a fight, running into the street, frightening children/people, etc.	Apr 23, 2013 1:17 PM
62	Fences are fine, but it depends on the dog. Good mannered and well trained dogs don't need a fence.	Apr 23, 2013 1:15 PM
63	Make sure rules are clearly posted so that both dog owners and people without dogs know what is appropriate. That way dog owners can comply and people without dogs are not uncomfortable/frightened/upset.	Apr 23, 2013 1:11 PM
64	Fences keep both dogs and other people outside of the "dog area" safe.	Apr 23, 2013 1:07 PM