



Councilman Jose Huizar
Council District 14
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Dedicated area for dogs in new park area at 1st & Broadway

Dear Councilman Huizar,

As evidenced by the growing number of housing projects that are planned and currently under construction in downtown Los Angeles, the population of our neighborhoods are quickly outpacing the amount of open and green space available to support us residents, specifically as it relates to dogs. In a recently released 2013 Downtown Demographic Survey, 30% of respondents mentioned owning a dog, up 6% from the 2008 survey. The DLANC Parks Committee is concerned about the rapid growth of the dog population in our community without the corresponding planning of dedicated areas for exercise and waste elimination.

We are aware of the City's recent purchase of land on 1st Street between Broadway and Spring Street for a new park. Although it may be many years before this park comes to fruition, we know that planning, design and community input efforts are set to begin in the near future. Our Committee feels it is important to address the needs of the growing dog population and the families that care for them. We request that a dedicated, fenced off-leash dog area be included in the plans for this new park.

We would also request that the Neighborhood Council be informed about any upcoming planning efforts for this new park and allow for DLANC to have representation concerning planning and design.

This letter was approved by the DLANC Board of Directors on November 12, 2013.

Sincerely,

Patti Berman
President