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Residents in San Pedro have been advocating for an off-leash dog exercise area for years, and with renewed fervor in recent months, with more than 2,500 local residents calling on the City of Los Angeles to help identify and find a location in San Pedro. Dog owners and animal lovers are organized and motivated to assist with needs assessment, site search, feasibility analysis and fundraising.

Off-leash Dog Exercise Areas provide specially-designated space for dogs and their owners to enjoy outdoor recreational activities together, and help to create community, something which is especially important in a City as large as Los Angeles. They also help to encourage the basic responsibilities of dog ownership, such as cleaning up after one's dog and discouraging aggressive pet behavior.

Given the geographic isolation of San Pedro, the number of dog owners in the community, and the significant distance to any other available off-leash dog park, it would be prudent for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks to work with community members to determine the feasibility of and steps necessary to open a designated off-leash dog area in San Pedro.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance which would amend section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish an off-leash dog exercise area in a portion of Joan Milke Flores Park in San Pedro (bounded by the walking path to the north and northwest; the Roxbury Street fence line to the west; and the Paseo Del Mar fence line to south), delineated by appropriate signage.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendation and to instruct the Los Angeles Park Rangers to enforce the rules and regulations of the designated off-leash dog exercise area seven days a week.

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