

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Outside learning

From: Paige Aboukhater <paigeabou@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:48 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Outside learning

Dear Town of Ross,

I would like to make an official request as a Ross homeowner, parent of two children at Ross, dog owner, and former elementary school teacher that for the 2020-21 school year students and staff of Ross Elementary shall be given priority of the use of the shaded area of Ross Common. It is for the good of the community that our school be allowed to use the outdoor space to be proactive in keeping students and staff safe hence benefiting our community as a whole.

Thank you,
Paige Aboukhater
415-244-6477

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Shaded Common Area

From: Shadi AbouKhater <shadi@sakdesignbuild.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:39 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Shaded Common Area

Good Morning - I am a Ross resident who has two kids in Ross elementary school as well as a dog owner. It has come to my attention that a decision to allow our children to use the shaded area for this next school year and moving the dogs to the post office grass is imminent. I would like to express my support to allow our children to solely use the shaded area for educational purposes during this unprecedented time. Our future is with the children of Ross and not our favorite 4 legged friends. Moving the dog patch to the post office grass seems like a very reasonable solution while keeping the shaded area clean.

Best,
Shadi

Shadi AbouKhater
Shadi@SAKDesignBuild.com
415.823.1110

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Lindsey Abramo <laabramo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 8:37 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I wanted to express my approval of Resolution No. 2177. Adopting this Resolution is for the benefit of the community as we hope you agree our kids safety should come first. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize health risk to the greater Ross community and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

As dog owners, we fully understand we will not be able to use the area with our dog. However as parents of two Ross School children, we completely agree with using the space for all our kids as the significantly better option during these unprecedented times.

Many thanks,
Lindsey Abramo

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Thomas Abramo <tabramo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 7:17 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Lindsey Abramo <laabramo@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

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Regards,
Thomas

Thomas Abramo
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Ross, CA 94957

Thomas Abramo, CFA, CPA
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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park Use for Ross School (Resolution No. 2177)

From: Ron Abta <rabta@polaris-llc.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:11 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Allison Abta ICE <allisonabta@gmail.com>
Subject: Dog Park Use for Ross School (Resolution No. 2177)

Dear Town Council,

My wife and I write to you regarding the use of the dog park area by Ross School. We have 3 kids in the school and desperately need to keep them engaged during the school year. Being able to use the dog park area where it's shaded is of paramount importance. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9am to 4pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped on dog poo.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,
Ron & Allison Abta

Ron Abta, General Partner
Polaris Real Estate Partners
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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: outdoor classrooms

From: Maryam Barrett <maryambarrett@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 5:40 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: outdoor classrooms

Please allow as much space as possible for our kids to go to school outdoors in Ross.

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Lauren Barshied <lbarshied@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:55 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council Members,

My name is Lauren Barshied. My husband Matt and I live at 39 Allen Avenue with our four children.

I am writing to express my support for the town council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District (Resolution 2177). This outdoor space is extremely important for the health of our learners and our town as a whole.

I hope that the Council can find an alternative space next to the Post Office or at another location in town for the Dog Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Lauren Barshied

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Bergholt <jbergholt@gmail.com>
Date: August 10, 2020 at 7:40:21 AM PDT
To: juliemcmillan@comcast.net
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Mayor McMillan,

Hello, my name is Jeff Bergholt and my wife and I have lived in Ross for 10 years. Our family strongly supports Resolution 2177 that is on the agenda this week - the temporary dog ban on the Common.

Would you have a minute to discuss this week before the Town Council meeting?

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Jeff Bergholt
415 407 3573

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

Begin forwarded message:

From: Leslie Bergholt <lesliebergholt@yahoo.com>
Date: August 9, 2020 at 4:38:58 PM PDT
To: "juliemcmillan@comcast.net" <juliemcmillan@comcast.net>
Subject: Resolution 2177
Reply-To: Leslie Bergholt <lesliebergholt@yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor McMillan,

My name is Leslie Davalos Bergholt. I am a Ross Resident and Ross School parent. I am writing to strongly urge you to approve Resolution No. 2177 temporarily prohibiting the public and dog use of the Ross Common to facilitate re-opening and social distancing for Ross School.

I support Superintendent McDowell's thoughtful outdoor classroom strategy as a way to bring our children and educators back to school in a safe and distanced manner.

Please approve Resolution No. 2177.

Respectfully,

Leslie Davalos Bergholt

Best,
Leslie Davalos Bergholt

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Closing Dog Park

From: Kristen Biernat <kristenbiernat@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:19 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Closing Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Kristen Biernat .
My address is 67 Sir Francis Drake Blvd

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Kristen Biernat

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:17 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Supporting Resolution 2177

From: Ozlem Bishop <ozpeksoy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:29 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Supporting Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Ozlem Bishop. My address is 65 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Ozlem Bishop

415.246.3256

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Town Council // Support for Passing Resolution 2177

From: Brigitte Brady-Harris <bbradyharris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:16 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Town Council // Support for Passing Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council Members,

I am writing in support of Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, it is critical to act as a community to stop the spread of COVID-19. By allocating full-time use of the current dog park to the Ross School, the council has the opportunity to act decisively to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the classroom and our community at large.

Thank you for passing a temporary resolution in July that prohibits dog park use from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Unfortunately, this resolution does not go far enough to allow for safe use of this space for school children. I ask, instead, that the Council relocate the dog park to the area adjacent to the Ross Post Office until a time when classes can safely be moved back indoors. The risk of an unsanitary environment for children and teachers in this area of the park is too great if dogs are allowed to use it after school hours and on weekends.

Thank you for acting in the best interests of opening up our school safely and protecting the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Brady-Harris

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: In support of Resolution 2177

From: Darren Brady-Harris <bradyharris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:15 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: In support of Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Darren Brady-Harris. I'm the parent of two Ross students, twin girls, entering fifth grade later this month.

I'm writing to express my support of Resolution 2177 to temporarily close the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District. We are so lucky to be a Ross school family and the school is central to our community. A community that includes everyone around us, not just those with kids at the school.

This is a time for that community to come together and to take best advantage of its tremendous resources, including this park area. A temporary move to another area, perhaps beside the post office, will be of immense benefit to the school and to our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and the many others, and for helping us join together to get through this time.

Best regards,
Darren Brady-Harris

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Elizabeth Breitner <elizabeth.breitner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:43 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Elizabeth Breitner and I live at 80 Laurel Grove Avenue. My daughter, Brooke, will be a 2nd grader at Ross Elementary and my son, Luke, will be in Kindergarten.

I just wanted to reach out and let you know that I'm very much in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Best,
Elizabeth Breitner

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross commons as outdoor classroom

From: Rachel Brinker <drachelbrinker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 7:35 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross commons as outdoor classroom

Please ban dog usage of the grass commons area in downtown Ross so that it may be used as outdoor classrooms once school is allowed to resume with in person learning.

Thank you!

Rachel Brinker

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Rachel Brinker, D.M.D.
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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:17 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross School use of dog park- PRO Ross school usage

From: Billie Buck <billiebuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:04 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>; Buck, Trevor <trevor.buck@cushwake.com>
Subject: Ross School use of dog park- PRO Ross school usage

Good Evening Ross Town Council,

Thank you so very much for your service in our community. We live at 83 Bolinas with our active dog and incoming 3rd,4th and 5th grade human children who thrive at the Ross School.

Although we were active users of the dog park at Ross Commons pre covid, we are in full support that the Town Council temporarily closes the dog park to prioritize the Ross School district during these strange and difficult times (Resolution 2177).

In the meantime, there are certainly many wonderful other options in our gorgeous town to take our dog out for her daily activity. Thank you for the consideration.

Warmly,

Billie & Trevor Buck

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Megan Calhoun <megan@meganmedia.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 12:24 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Megan and Jim Calhoun

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Megan Calhoun
Founder & CEO
[Megan Media](#)
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We have 556K followers on Twitter**

Linda Lopez

From: Barbara Call <barbcall@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: Fwd: Future Use of Ross Common

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Call <barbcall@sbcglobal.net>
Date: August 11, 2020 at 2:40:01 PM MDT
To: juliemcmillan@comcast.net, Elizabeth Brekhus <elizabethb@brekhus.com>, eliz.robbs@ gmail.com, beachkuhl35@ gmail.com, Bill Kircher <cwkmisc@ gmail.com>
Cc: Joe Chinn - Town Manager <jchinn@townofross.org>
Subject: Future Use of Ross Common

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I am concerned about the future use of the Common, the Public Park. I am concerned that you are considering giving this land to the school without doing your do diligence and considering other options. I am concerned you may make your decision based upon a dislike of dogs and dog owners rather than really considering all the ramifications

However, I am very much in favor of school reopening. Children need to be in school learning and being with their peers. But the classrooms need to be safe and secure and conducive to the learning experience.

I am very skeptical about the outdoor classrooms providing this learning experience.

I was a public school teacher for three years at the high school level in Michigan before moving to California. I taught at the middle school level here...English, language arts, reading, social studies...12 years of teaching. We used desks, paper, pencils, chalk board, and things called books! I realize the electronics have changed teaching, but doubt the children have changed that much. The attention span of a child is probably even more difficult to retain now than it was prior to computers and cell phones. Teaching is a challenging career.

With this in mind, I wonder so many things about the outdoor classroom idea. I believe there are many questions that need to be answered before you give away the public park. Maybe you have more information than has been given to the public. All I have seen is McDowell's letter and his brief reasoning in this letter and his notion that if you get rid of the dogs, all the school problems will be solved.

McDowell's outdoor classroom strategy relies on some statements that should be either challenged or that need further clarification.

He is being disingenuous when he says that the outdoor transmission of COVID 19 is known to be much lower than the indoor transmission. This study applies to areas where people live in very close quarters

and have very little access to being outdoors. Like NYC, for instance.

It is certainly not applicable in Ross where being outdoors is easy and people do not live in crowded conditions.

It has also been stated by some that children are much less likely to catch the virus are at less risk of a serious illness.

He also states that outdoor classrooms allow more social distancing and are relatively inexpensive compared to other options.

I am not sure how this social distancing will work outdoors where it will be really difficult for a teacher to be heard and able to hold the students' attention. Plus, there will be many distractions. Plus, lots of noise from the cars and trucks that drive by on the streets. Are the roads going to be closed?

What exactly are these outdoor classrooms? Are they structures with roofs and walls and doors and floors? Will they have windows? Are they tents? How many will there be? What age children will be using these classrooms? Who will maintain them on the weekends? What will happen when the rains come?

The "Grove" will become more like a swamp with soggy ground and dripping trees.

What will happen if the fire season is bad this year and the outdoor air is polluted?

Will they have heating and electricity? How many students per classroom? Will the outdoor classrooms be sanitized? Where will the children go to the bathroom? Who will accompany the little ones? Will there be portable hand washing stations provided?

These are just some questions that need to be answered before any decision is made. If, indeed, more physical structures are going to be built on the land that belongs to the public park, it would seem there needs to be more planning involved.

I can think of other options that do not involve taking over the public park.

One would be to have flex schedules where the number of students attending school at one time is reduced. With less students in the classroom at the same time, the desks could be further apart.

There should be one entrance and one exit. Hand washing and temperature checks and masks would be available. Keeping the children safe in the school environment they are used to is preferable for learning than having them outside in some sort of tent.

There are also areas in the school itself that could be utilized. The stage, for instance, is being used, I believe, as a large storage facility. Clear it out and use it as a classroom or two. Part of the gym could also be used. And what about the courtyard?

These areas could be modified some and prove to be more of a long term solution as Winter approaches.

The outdoor classrooms do not appear to be a long range solution and might create more problems than they solve.

For instance, you got rid of most of the dogs with your last ruling, and the area called the Grove became inundated with tons of people from all over the Bay Area...SF, East Bay, San Rafael, etc. Huge groups of people not social distancing and not wearing masks! How was this development an improvement safety wise over a few Ross residents who like to exercise their dogs in that area?

The notion that these conscientious owners do not clean up after their dogs is completely false. Whereas the mess and debris the children and picnickers leave behind is easily demonstrable. Garbage cans are full and overflowing after only a couple of days after being emptied. I point out the above as I wonder how many of you have actually visited the Common on a regular basis.

McDowell's last point is that outdoor classroom situations are known to increase student social,

emotional, and mental well-being.

I don't know where this study has been conducted or how true it is, but I thought this school issue was about creating a learning environment not a mental health facility. Kids do love to play, but learning should be the primary focus.

It has been rumored that you Council members have already made your decision. I hope this is not true. Everyone in Town should be concerned with giving away the public park! Even people who do not like dogs have something to lose.

The staff report speaks about the stay at home order, yet fails to mention that dogs were recognized as family members in that order, and, as such, walking them was considered necessary and essential.

My final point (at last) is that the dog park area has existed for many, many years and never been a problem. The area next to the post office is not appropriate for dogs. It is too close to the road and unusable. It might make a better area for a tent city!

Thank you for reading this very lengthy email. I hope you will take what I have said into consideration.

Best regards,
Barbara Call

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Please close the commons for Ross School

From: julie cibrowski <juliecibrowski3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:53 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Please close the commons for Ross School

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Julie Cibrowski My address is 23 Wellington Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Sincerely,

Julie Cibrowski

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Best,
Julie

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution #2177

From: Gena Clahan <genaclahan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 2:01 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution #2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment. This is obviously a temporary thing and the dogs will once again be able to play and use that grassy area once Covid is under control and school can resume as usual

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners and could even have a temporary fence to ensure dogs won't run out onto the street

We are in this together as a community. Thank you

Eugenia Clahan

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Torie Clancy <torie.clancy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 11:58 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Brian Clancy <brian.clancy22@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing to express our support of Resolution No. 2177. It is essential in these unprecedented times to take every possible step to allow Ross School students, faculty and staff the ability to conduct in-person learning.

The ability to utilize the full outdoor space of the Ross Common is essential in ensuring that a quality, socially-distanced education continues for the students of our town. Prohibiting public use of the grounds is vital to minimizing risk and creating a safe environment for outdoor instruction.

While the temporary resolution, No. 2170, prohibits dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays, the fact remains that it would be impossible to maintain a clean, sanitary environment, given that dogs will be present during other hours. Resolution 2177 would eliminate this issue. There is no doubt there are alternative places the dog park could temporarily relocate to, such as the grassy area adjacent to the Ross Post Office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Torie and Brian Clancy

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:17 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support for temporary closure of dog park

From: Scott Clark <scmail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:39 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support for temporary closure of dog park

Dear Ross Town Council,

I am writing to express my support for the temporary closure of the Dog Park on the Commons in order to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District (Resolution 2177). I think that re-opening the school to in-person learning (when safe) is critical and should be the Town's highest priority.

Sincerely,

Scott Clark

71 Shady Lane

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Christy Coel <christycoel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:21 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Christy Coel. My address is 3 Madera Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Sincerely,

Christy Coel

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Commons

-----Original Message-----

From: River Cohen <river@datainsure.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:12 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Commons

Hello

As a resident of Ross for 10 years and a parent of a Ross 3rd grader I wanted to communicate with you regarding the measure before you; as a dog owner and frequent user of the commons I implore you to find a solution that serves the entire community there is plenty of room for multi use and school activities.

Ross has hundreds of dogs and older people that use the commons daily and is part of our lives and also our children need access to outdoor learning space.

Why not fence some of it for use for the school and then after school hours let public use happen for the field and walking areas in commons.

Win win for all residents; please find an infinite solution that serves us all not a finite solution of winner take all.

With Gratitude

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Colby Collet <colbycollet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:44 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park

Hello Town Council -

I am writing in support of allowing Ross School to utilize the Dog Park for outdoor classrooms in the fall. The school needs the space in this unusual time of Covid. I believe there is room for dogs to play near the post office. As a dog owner, I am happy to readjust my dog's play needs so the school can better serve our community's children.

Thanks for your flexibility and understanding as we help get our kids back to school and learning in person with teachers.

Thank you,

Colby Collet
40 Fernhill Avenue
Ross

(Parent of Ross School 5th and 8th graders)

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Adriana Cox <Adriana@aloeevents.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:58 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Adriana Cox. My address is 57 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

I am in complete support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Best,
Adriana & Michael Cox

Adriana Cox
Co-Founder, ALOE Events LLC
415-439-9286
www.aloeevents.com

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Melanie Deitch <melaniedeitch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 11:48 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, I think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Thank you so much,

Melanie Deitch

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Melissa Dickerson <mdickerson@gencap.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 7:57 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, I think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Dickerson

105 Bolinas, Ross, CA

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support for Adoption of Resolution No.2177

From: rog.dickerson@gmail.com <rog.dickerson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:14 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: 'Melissa Dickerson' <mdickerson@gencap.com>
Subject: Support for Adoption of Resolution No.2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

As a dog owner and a parent of three children at Ross School, I hope for your support of Resolution No.2177 temporarily prohibiting the public and dogs on portions of the Ross Common to assist with Covid-19 social distancing at the Ross Common by Ross School.

I'm not in favor of a permanent ban on dogs at Ross Common, but this temporary prohibition is a small step in doing the best for our children's education during these incredibly difficult circumstances. I do understand the hardship this could cause to a handful of dog owners. However, I believe this inconvenience is outweighed by the number of children who could be able to get back to school in a safe socially distant manner.

Respectfully yours,
Roger Dickerson
105 Bolinas Ave.

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Avi Downes <avidownes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:58 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council members,

I am a parent of two kids at Ross School.

I would like to express my overwhelming support for allowing Ross School to use the outside area in front of school - keeping all dogs off that area full time until we are able to go back to some kind of normalcy.

It is just not manageable to think that we can have children sitting and trying to learn in an area dedicated half the day to dog recreation and waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

I am truly hoping we can prioritize our kids and our amazing school in these difficult times.

Best,
Avi Downes Bilsker

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross School Outdoor Space Proposal

From: Yahoo <cddunham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:34 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross School Outdoor Space Proposal

Dear Ross Town Council,

Hello! This is Chris Dunham from 64 Bridge Road, dog owner, user of the Dog Park, and Ross School dad.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their pets.

Sincerely,
Chris Dunham

Sent from my iPad

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: kellydwinells@gmail.com <kellydwinells@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 1:21 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Ross Council,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177.

As a family of 4 with young children AND a dog this resolution is critically important to us. We can appreciate both the desire to make learning safe for students AND staff as well as the need for the Ross Common to support ALL residents.

Ultimately, as a family we have always said "people before pets" and in this case, believe closing the shaded area of the common to support outdoor learning for students, staff and the overall health of the town is in everyone's best interest. Separately, outside of this pandemic, it has always been concerning to me as a parent having dogs in such close proximity to the school, many of which are off leash. Given the unpredictability of animals along with the fear that many young children have towards them, it feels like a dedicated location for pets such as that adjacent to the post office is worth consideration long term.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

We appreciate this is a decision that affects all residents and want to be supportive of all sides. However, in these unprecedented time, we feel we must prioritize the health and well being of people over that of animals and their owners using this particular space.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kelly & Adam Dwinells

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Outdoor learning area.

From: Russell Earl <russellearl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:27 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Outdoor learning area.

Dear Town Council Members,

My name is Russell Earl and I reside at 10 Hill road,

I am writing in support of closing the shaded tree area outside of Ross school to dogs to allow for an outdoor learning area for Ross school. It's a much simpler task for individuals to find alternatives for their dogs than it is to find a suitable location for outdoor schooling.

It is equally important that the area remained closed throughout the day and night to keep it clean and sanitary for the students.

I wish all dog owners cleaned up after their pets but sadly it's not the case. The lawn across the street next to the post office could work for dog owners if that is the concern.

thank you.

-Russell Earl

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Outdoor classrooms

From: Kristen Evans <kristen.evans@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:16 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Outdoor classrooms

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regard to Resolution No. 2177 and ask that the town please help us to preserve a clean and safe outdoor environment for our children to learn in until they can return to their normal classrooms. They have had to accommodate so many of our needs during this trying period, it seems that the town could help us accommodate theirs in this matter.

There are so many other places where people can walk their dogs; sadly, there aren't other options for the children. Even if dogs are kept out of the area during certain hours of the day, whatever waste they leave behind will stay on the ground indefinitely. It just seems like the obvious kind and responsible courtesy to the children that we as a community do the right thing...and ensure that they won't have to learn in a space littered with dog waste.

I very much appreciate your consideration and help. As do they.

Warmly,
Kristen Evans

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Caitlin G. Fisher <caitlin.geier@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:12 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these truly unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. We are parents of three young children and our oldest will be starting Kindergarten this Fall, which is something we have dreamed about as parents, and that my son has been so looking forward to. Of course, this year looks nothing like what we were expecting, but I truly hope that he will be able to have some time physically at school with his teachers and classmates. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment, which is so important especially at this young age.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate this resolution (and have loved being able to have our young children play there during this difficult time) it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste once school begins if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still unsanitary for children to sit in that area and use it as a classroom during the week.

It seems like the grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office would be a nice alternative for dog owners who are looking for a space for their dogs to run around and socialize just during this difficult time.

Please let us know how we can help. We feel so fortunate to be able to raise our children in such a wonderful community and appreciate your consideration in this effort to be able to have them attend school safely.

All the Best,

Caitlin and Patrick Fisher

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Scott Fletcher <fletcherscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:21 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Hello - I live at 3 Willow Hill Road and would like to state my strong preference to allow Ross School to temporarily use the dog run area at the commons for classrooms as needed during covid.

I am a dog owner and understand the need to have room to run our pets. But these are unprecedented times and temporarily using this space for the safety of students, teachers and staff is the right thing to do.

Scott Fletcher
917-575-2966

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Scott Fletcher

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross School Commons Use

From: Meghan Forman <megforman11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:07 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Cash Forman <cashforman@comcast.net>
Subject: Ross School Commons Use

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Meghan Forman. My address is 106 Laurel Grove Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Kind regards,

Meghan & Will Forman

I Sell on Chairish, follow my shop! <https://www.chairish.com/shop/cru>

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons

From: sarah friar <sarah.friar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:40 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: David Riley <david.riley@gmail.com>
Subject: Support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Sarah Friar. My address is 1 Winding Way.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies. Thank you for all your efforts to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

Sarah Friar

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Sarah Friar
Cell: 1 650 269 3766

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Supporting Resolution 2177

From: Erin Garvey <eringarvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:04 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Supporting Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Erin Garvey. My address is 4 Fallen Leaf, Ross.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Erin

Linda Lopez

From: Theo Goldin <theo@drinkhint.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Cc: Kara Goldin
Subject: Public comment for Aug 13 town meeting

Dear Members of the Ross Town Council:

I'm writing to urge the you to rescind the temporary ban on dogs on the Common. Many residents of Ross enjoy use of the Ross Common with their dogs and I've seen many other residents break into huge smiles just observing the pure joy of dogs at play. When my family moved to Ross in 2007, dogs were allowed even inside of Ross School, to the tremendous benefit of children and adults alike. Our four children initially had a fear of dogs, which was only overcome by having the opportunity to interact with the many friendly dogs of Ross in a safe environment. It was a huge mistake to ban dogs from the school over one incident involving a dog allegedly biting a teacher. There have been many incidents of humans biting teachers at Ross and no one has suggested banning children from school, but one little nip from one dog and its game over for all dogs? Ridiculous. It is time that we stop pandering to the irrational anti-dog people and set the dogs free (ok, on a leash, but free to go where people go).

If you insist on restricting the use of our Common, which by definition is supposed to be for the use of all, then those restrictions should be as narrowly drafted as possible and only apply during very specific times when the school will make active and heavy use of the Common. At all other times, people should be free to bring their dogs as usual.

On a separate note, I've seen the garbage cans on the Common overflowing from time to time. It would be great if they could be emptied more frequently or if we could temporarily add additional trash and recycling cans along the perimeter of the Common.

Thanks for your consideration.



Theo Goldin
COO, hint, inc.

M +1-415-987-0759 **E** theo@drinkhint.com



Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: to help support Ross School

From: Mrmgorham <mrmgorham@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:41 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: to help support Ross School

My name is Michael Gorham. My address is 18 Redwood dr.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Regards
Mike Gorham
Cell 415-602-6669

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No.2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Erin Grace <eringrace11@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 9:58 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Scott Grace work <Scott.Grace@nuveen.com>
Subject: Resolution No.2177

Dear Ross Town Council Members,

We are writing to express our views on Resolution No. 2177. The past six months have been especially trying on our school-age children. The possibility of them returning to school safely has been a ray of hope for our family, and others we have spoken with. We are so fortunate to live in a climate where our kids can attend school outdoors, and to have a school that can provide the necessary tenting and facilities for this outdoor environment.

It has been shown that outdoor environments are significantly safer than indoor environments regarding the spread of covid-19. For our kids and teachers to be together and learn safely, a clean outdoor environment is essential. We ask that you please consider the social, emotional and physical health of our children and teachers and give them the space to create "classrooms" free of dog waste. The entire community will benefit from the school functioning in a clean and safe way.

The area must be available exclusively for school use, even after school hours, for the sanitation of this space to work. This is only temporary and we all look forward to when we can get back to the former way of things.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Erin and Scott Grace

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No 2177

From: Nousha Hagenbuch <noushahagenbuch@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 11:26 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

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Sincerely,

Nousha and Henry Hagenbuch

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Nousha Hagenbuch
Sotheby's International Realty
CalBRE #01877844
310.962.3503 | noushahagenbuch@gmail.com

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Dominika Halka <dominika@evolvevf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:25 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Andrew Gorczycki <gorczycki@yahoo.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

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Sincerely,

Andrew Gorczycki and Dominika Halka
17 Garden Rd., Ross

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons dog use

From: Matt Hankins <mhankins@higcapital.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:41 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons dog use

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. As a board member for a charter school in Chicago I have seen the data on how destructive distanced learning has been for our children's educational achievement. As a result, I think it is critically important to get kids back to school in person. We are blessed in Marin with great weather and an ability to have classes outside and even more blessed at Ross with access to Ross Commons.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although I appreciate the resolution, we should just close it down during all hours until the kids can safely return to indoor learning. There are 143,000 acres of public lands in Marin which can provide alternative places for dog owners to recreate. Surely dog owners can appreciate the need to prioritize this land use for children's education.

Regards,

Matt

Matt Hankins
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Sent from my iPad

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Vote for Use of the Dog patch by Ross School

From: Cecilia Harris <cdeq1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 5:56 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Vote for Use of the Dog patch by Ross School

Town Council-

We support the use of the dog patch area for Ross School. They need this shaded area for outdoor classrooms. We have two dogs and use the Commons frequently but we feel safe, outdoor education is more important for our three children who are in 2nd, 5th and 8th grade at Ross School.

Please vote to allow Ross School the use of the dog patch area.

Thank you,

Cecilia & Wil Harris
3 Upper Rd W

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Margo Hays <Margo@margohays.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 7:35 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

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Sincerely,

Steve and Margo Hays

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Steve Hays <stevenhays@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:15 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Steven Hays, My address is 120 Upper Toyon Drive.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,
Steven Hays

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Yolande Heller <yfheller@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:34 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Chris Heller <chrismacleanheller@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

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Sincerely,

Yolande and Chris Heller

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Closing Of Ross Dog Park

From: Kristen Higgins <krisblynn@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:34 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Closing Of Ross Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Kristen Higgins. My address is 45 Redwood Drive in Ross.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs. For the record, I am a dog owner and a parent of a Ross student.

Sincerely,
Kristen Higgins

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

From: Charles Hoeveler <choeveler@norwoodinvestors.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:46 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Craig Slayen <cslayen@gmail.com>; Kerry Hoeveler <kerry.hoeveler@gmail.com>
Subject: Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

This is Charles and Kerry Hoeveler at 43 Willow Ave.

We just want to let you know that we are in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Charles and Kerry

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Charles Hoeveler | Managing Partner | Norwood Capital Partners, LP
100 Larkspur Landing Circle, Suite 212 | Larkspur, CA 94939
choeveler@norwoodinvestors.com | 415.870.0180

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Stephen Hohenrieder <shohenrieder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:09 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Stephen Hohenrieder. My address is 10 Thomas Court.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Stephen

Stephen Hohenrieder
415.609.7676
shohenrieder@gmail.com

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:17 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons

From: Jordan Kahn <jordan.f.kahn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 7:58 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons

Hi Ross Town Council,

I know this Thursday you will be voting on a measure to temporarily close the dog park in the Commons. As both a parent to children at the Ross School and a dog owner, I ask that you vote in favor of accommodating the request to help temporarily make that space usable for the Ross School. Being able to hold classes outside will make school safer for both children and teachers when we are able to have in person learning again. I know it will be an inconvenience for me and other dog owners, but I am hopeful that the safety of our community be put first.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jordan Kahn
183 Lagunitas Road

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: No. 2177

From: Michell Kawaja <michellkawaja@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 8:10 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Re: No. 2177

Hi Crew,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177.

It's important the Ross school kids take over the use the outdoor area for school....clean no dog waste, shaded outdoor area.

Happy kids
Happy moms/parents
Happy teachers
Thriving community

Go Ross Town! It's time to show off our creativity and flexibility in these cray cray times.
Sincerely,

Michell and Chris Kawaja

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Michell Kawaja
www.ThriveGirl.com



August 10, 2020

Dear Town Council,

This is my second letter to you regarding the "dog park". I was waiting to send this until after I had a conversation with Julie McMillan. Unfortunately, it seems almost useless to write this letter, as apparently it's basically a done deal that the dogs will be *temporarily* (and I pray this is true) banned from the Commons.

I have many things to say about the issue, so apologies in advance for my wordiness. Firstly, I understand you haven't received many letters for the dog park, but many against it from parents of Ross students. The school has an unfair advantage in that they have all the parents' emails and can (and did, via a room parent) send out an email to all asking to send the council letters maintaining that space for learning. Saying it was VITAL for the use of the area. And some other incendiary wording that made it seem this was the ONLY alternative.

I disagree. I understand that the council hasn't seen McDowell's plans for tent placement, tent type, tent size. Will the tents be there all year? Can we use the park in winter when it's too cold to have outdoor learning? Apparently from a previous letter he wrote, there will be 12 tents. My feeling is that there is shade in certain areas of the large portion of the Commons, and under the picnic tables, and the stage, where the doors can be opened to create an indoor/outdoor atmosphere. Why vote to ban dogs without looking at tent placement options? Why can't we leave a small sliver of the "dog park" for dog owners? It can work, but from talking with Julie seems that you all are opposed to even looking at options.

I urge council members to come to the Commons during dog hours to view the number of dogs. Not many. I know Elizabeth Robbins compared this "dog park" to others. Apples to oranges. The dog traffic on the Commons is a minute fraction of a regular dog park.

Have you asked McDowell what the tent situation would look like in winter? Will there be electricity? Will there be generators and power cords all over the Commons? Who will pay for the security at night when these tents are left unattended? The grass will be destroyed. Hopefully we taxpayers won't be footing the bill for that.

The kids will be in tents. Not sure what the sanitary issue would be. They can play on the large playing field where they have traditionally played, and on the blacktop, and do learning in tents dispersed around the Commons. In my 14 years as a Ross resident, with my kids attending Ross until just this year, the school hasn't really needed to utilize the small portion of the Commons. But I have seen classes outside there in the past with no issues. I have seen kids and dogs together. NOT ONCE has the sanitary issue come up. Has anyone gotten sick in your knowledge? Not in mine.

I am a taxpayer. The school is funded 58% by residents' property taxes, and 18% from donations (according to the Foundation's website). Have I no rights? Can the school appropriate the entire Commons, and also ban residents from portions of the Commons during school hours? This is my town also. We have already been severely restricted in dog usage. Can't we come to some sort of compromise?

I have to also point out statements in McDowell's letters that I believe are exaggerated, and in the Staff Reports. Staff Report dated August 13, 2020:

p.2 "The School District, which pays to utilize the Common, are unable to utilize the portion of the Common used by dogs for classroom based instruction, recess or lunch because of the dogs and the remnants...". They pay for 1/3 of the maintenance. This gives them the right to use the entire Commons during school time? The school has never let kids go there for recess or lunch. It's not because of the dogs and waste. They have the ENTIRE LARGE FIELD AND BLACKTOP. HOW MUCH SPACE DO THEY NEED?

p.3 "because dogs are not expressly prohibited in this portion of the Ross Common, these areas are heavily used by dogs and dog owners". Come observe. I would hardly call it *heavily used*.

Attachment 1: "once in-person instruction for the Ross School begins on the Commons, no members of the public shall be permitted on the northern portion of the Common and on the west side of the Common along the blacktop and the pathway on the 6 Redwood side of the Common....." Seriously? Banning residents from even being there? Isn't this a bit extreme? Does McDowell own this town?

Undated letter from Michael McDowell (his first to council) "We often have children express their fears and anxiety of coming into school because of their interactions with dogs." I disagree, having been at school morning and afternoons often. But we dog owners graciously agreed to not come during drop off and pick up. He is making exaggerated statements about kids' fears and about dog waste.

I sincerely hope that the council will be open to looking at all options, and ask McDowell for his overall plans and placement etc before making a rash decision. My fear is the McDowell is trying to ban dogs permanently and that this is the first step. Please don't take away this from the dog owners who are just trying to stay sane like the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Leah Knight

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Sarah Kruttschnitt <sarahkruttschnitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 1:29 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Mark Kruttschnitt <mark.kru@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Sarah and Mark Kruttschnitt

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Lackie Matt <matthewlackie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:36 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Matthew Lackie. My address is 30 Vista Drive. I have two kids at Ross School (grades 3 and 6).

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lackie

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution no 2177

From: Elena Batalla <littlebatalla@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:42 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Dan Little <daniel.little@homesteadcapital.com>
Subject: Resolution no 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

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The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Elena and Dan Little

Linda Lopez

From: Justyna Lloyd <justyna_lloyd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Linda Lopez; CouncilAll
Cc: Michael Lloyd
Subject: Resolution No. 2177
Attachments: Agenda August 13_ 2020.pdf; 11._resolution_2177_dogs_on_common.pdf

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

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The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Michael and Justyna Lloyd

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Diana Lyman <dianalyman13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:34 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

As other programs are enhancing their protocols to include outdoor education, it seems logical to extend this opportunity to the Ross School. Should there be any logistical conflicts (I'm hearing that the ability to walk dogs on the common was a reason why this 2177 did not pass?!), I'm confident there are alternative solutions for pets in the interest of getting our children back to school safely.

To add, I was not aware of the measure itself before now. A fellow mom shared it with me. We've lived in Ross since October 2019 and are an incoming Kindergarten family to the Ross School. Perhaps being a newcomer to the area means we were left off critical communications, but I'd hope that all Ross families are being informed regardless of whether they're current Ross students as this impacts our entire community at large.

All this said: please consider this my OPEN support of using the Ross Common for the Ross School's education purposes.

Thank you,

Diana (Grey, incoming Kinder to Ross School)

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Diana (Stengel) Lyman
[310.295.8942](tel:310.295.8942) / [dianalyman13@gmail](mailto:dianalyman13@gmail.com)
www.linkedin.com/in/dianalyman

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Outdoor classroom/dog park

From: Jennifer Lynn <jenklynn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:26 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Outdoor classroom/dog park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Jennifer. My address is 301 Makin Grade. We have a 6th grader at ROSS Elementary.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

In all honesty I wish you would permanently close that area to dogs. Last May I had a leash-less dog running full speed hit me from behind. I forcefully landed on my arm/back. I had a sprained wrist and elbow....it was awful. I also had a \$5000 ER bill to go along with it. Large dogs running at full speed in front of a school with small children, many of the children afraid of dogs... just isn't a good idea to me. It doesn't make sense! I have a friend who broke her ankle. Same situation same location. No one wants to be the complainer, but I know a lot of people feel the same way as me....

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies. PERMANENTLY.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer
Sent via iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177-our kids need a clean classroom outside

From: paul macomber <maco8787@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Sasha Macomber <sasha.macomber@gmail.com>; CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177-our kids need a clean classroom outside

Hi TC,

We are all fighting the effects of covid on so many fronts, but as a parent, safety and education are top two.

Please pass resolution 2177 to keep the dogs off the common until things get back to some sort of normalcy for school.

We have a dog, and like taking him to the common, but kids having a safe and clean place to learn seems far more important. Especially when there is a solution right across the street.

Thank you, and be well!

Paul & Sasha Macomber
1 Morrison
Ross
Vivian grade 6
Coco grade 4

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution # 2177

From: tess mallery <tessmallery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:49 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Matt Hankins <mhankins@higcapital.com>
Subject: Resolution # 2177

Dear Council Town Members:

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177:

We are requesting the town of Ross temporary prohibit dogs on the Ross Common area during the 2021 school year - while the school is using the Ross Common area to hold classes outside during the Covid pandemic.

Further explanation is below:

In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Tess Mallery and Matt Hankins

Tess Mallery

773-562-6424

Tessmallery@yahoo.com

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Shady Grove

From: Paul McCarthy <paul_mccarthy@branson.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:08 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Shady Grove

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Paul McCarthy and I live at 39 Fernhill Ave Ross (on the Branson Campus).

I am a teacher at Branson and have twins going into 4th Grade at the Ross School this fall.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Sincerely,

Paul McCarthy

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons -Town council

From: Andy McDonald <amcdonald1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:03 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons -Town council

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Andrew McDonald and our family lives at 75 Shady Ln.

I wanted to express my support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177). As a two parent working household, it is critical that there be physical schooling available.

We are dog owners as well so I do hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies. We are supportive of the space adjacent to the Post office

Sincerely,

Andrew McDonald

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support for Ross School

From: Christine McGonigle <csmiechowski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:03 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support for Ross School

Dear Ross Town Council,

Our names are Ian and Christine McGonigle. Our address is 8 Ames Ave.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Ian and Christine McGonigle

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Molly Melcher <melcherm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:35 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Seton McAndrews <setonmcandrews@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We write regarding Resolution No. 2177. In these deeply challenging and unprecedented times, there can be no dispute that it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. As the school leadership has explained, holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. However, as the school leadership has conveyed, such resolution is inadequate to allow use of that area for the children and teachers to facilitate outdoor learning during this *GLOBAL PANDEMIC*.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a fully adequate and reasonable alternative for dog owners. Indeed, the fact that we are having to write this email is deeply disappointing and really reflects a troubling misalignment of values. In a time when everyone in this country is facing difficulty and sacrifice, the request that the dog owners of Ross (and other towns) utilize a *different grassy area* than they typically do seems as slight and yet imperative as the request that people wear a mask to protect those around them. Let's stop being an impediment to the progression of our own society. We ask that you do what is quite clearly the right thing here.

Sincerely,

Seton and Molly McAndrews

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park for school use

-----Original Message-----

From: Barrett Mettler <barrettmettler@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 5:53 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park for school use

We fully support using the dog park for school use this coming school year. It is imperative we have shaded space for outdoor classrooms. It is so important we get these kids back to school and we can't do it without sufficient outdoor space. We are dog owners and are happy to find alternative areas for thw dog to play.

Thanks so much,
Barrett and Nick Mettler

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:27 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: emily morris <emilyjanemorris415@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:21 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Javier Soltero <jsoltero@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of my husband and I, 9-year residents of Ross with 2 young children attending Ross school. We would like to ask that the council pass resolution no. 2177 and temporarily prohibit dogs from using the Ross Common area next to the school.

Like most families, we are feeling cautious and concerned about our children's safe return to school during the Covid-19 pandemic. But knowing that classes can be held outdoors gives us hope that our children, who so desperately need in-person time with their teachers and peers, will be able to attend school safely again. By passing resolution 2177 and preserving the Ross Common outdoor area to keep it free from dog-waste so that it can be used by Ross school for outdoor learning, you will be doing our community a great service in this incredible time of need.

Thank you so much for your service to our wonderful town and for your consideration of this issue.

Emily Morris and Javier Soltero

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:14 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Keep the park open for our kids

From: Erin Mozaffarian <eringmoz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:55 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Darius Mozaffarian <dariusmoz@gmail.com>
Subject: Keep the park open for our kids

Dear Ross Town Council,

This is Erin and Darius Mozaffarian, and we live at 1 Ames Ave.

We are in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the park in the Commons to dogs in order to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the children in the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177). The school partly funds that area and I'm shocked to hear that this is even a big discussion. People can walk their dogs elsewhere but during a pandemic our children need access to that space and that should most obviously take precedence over dog walking. Our poor teachers cannot have to pick up poop in addition to the teaching challenges this year, and our kids shouldn't be second place to dogs. We all vote and pay taxes to send our children to school in this town which is not necessary true if those using the park for dogs.

Sincerely,

Erin and Darius Mozaffarian

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Rebecca Nessel <rnessel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 7:41 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Ross Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. We feel it is vitally important to do everything we can to ensure our students, faculty and school staff are safe and that education is prioritized. The best way to do this is to maximize the space available for the school to use for outdoor learning areas.

The only way this is possible is if the "dog park" area of ross commons is off limit to dogs at all times. The school cannot possibly allow students to use that area if dogs are also using it in the evenings, there's no way to ensure that it would be sanitary enough for our children.

As dog owners, we understand the concern that there wouldn't be anywhere for people to congregate with their dogs in Ross. This is why we suggest the grassy area to the left of the post office. Perhaps the town could put in temporary fencing so it's safer for dogs and perhaps we can also place a bench as well.

We feel confident we can find a compromise that would work for everyone while ensuring that the safety of our children, teachers and entire community remain at the forefront of all the decisions we make. Not allowing this space to be prioritized for the school would increase the risk of viral transmission as classes would need to be held indoors more often. Thank you so much for helping our town through this unprecedented time!

Thanks so much!
Rebecca and Ariel Nessel

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Common area for kids

-----Original Message-----

From: Brett Nowak <brett.nowak@liquidandgrit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:07 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Common area for kids

Hi Ross Town Council,

My name is Brett Nowak and my sons Tyler and Blake are in the Ross school (grades 2 and kindergarten). I love the town of Ross. I believe that part of my love is due to the strong town government that ensures that individuals act in the best interest of the community. As a result, we have beautiful, tall trees, homes that fit appropriate in their lot, and protection from unnecessary pools that might increase the danger of floods.

That is why I have confidence that you will make the difficult decision for the community to designate the entire Ross Commons area for kids temporarily and, ideally, find a well suited area for people to run their beloved dogs. That you will make this decision because investing in our children's ability to learn in school is what is best for our community.

Thanks,
- Brett

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Mimi O'Connell <mimi.g.oconnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:03 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Town Council,

We are Ross homeowners and residents and writing to encourage your support for Ross School's temporary use of the Ross Common when school reopens. This space is important for our beloved school, the heart of our town, to bring the kids back in the healthiest way possible. We need this area for the very hot days where the common provides a much needed shaded area. Unfortunately, for sanitary reasons, the dogs and kids can't share the same space.

Ross School is the jewel of our town and making this adjustment that will impact so many children is the right thing to do during these extraordinary times.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mimi and Robin O'Connell
50 Winship Avenue
Ross, CA

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Erik Pavelka <erikpavelka@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 11:52 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Hi

Just wanted to say that I'm in favor of having the area on the common dedicated to our children this year for outdoor classes. Our residents can take their dogs elsewhere, including by the post office and the area near the town tennis courts. Let's focus on getting our children the safest education possible during these unprecedented times.

Thank you
Erik Pavelka
15 El Camino Bueno

Sent from my iPad

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Megan Callahan Pavelka <meganpavelka@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:04 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Erik Pavelka <erik.pavelka@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Megan Callahan Pavelka. My address is 15 El Camino Bueno.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Megan Pavelka

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Closing the Dog Park (resolution 2177)

From: Marni Phippen <marnivogt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:24 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Closing the Dog Park (resolution 2177)

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Marni Phippen. My address is 3 Wellington Avenue in Ross, California.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Marni Phippen

Marni Phippen
415-519-2319

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

From: Mike <mhip11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:27 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Mike Phippen. My address is 3 Wellington Ave.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Mike Phippen

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Common

From: Alison Pickart <Alison@alisonpickart.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 10:52 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Ken Pickart <Ken@ap-build.com>
Subject: Ross Common

Dear Fellow Ross Residents and Council Members,

In these extraordinary times, we are all making sacrifices for the common good.

In order to support the modified 'learning environment' of Ross School, we are in FULL SUPPORT of eliminating the near term use of the Common, in front of the school, as a dog park/dog run.

As much as we value the ability to run our dogs in this area, the ability to have outdoor hybrid learning for our children during this time far supersedes the luxury of using this space as a dog park.

If the use of this outdoor space would allow for hybrid 'in person' learning for our children, it would be incredibly shortsighted to impede this plan for the sake of general recreation.

In addition to enhancing all of our property values, the Ross School District is providing critical service to our youth and the community as a whole.

We need to remember that this unprecedented situation we are in is 'temporary', and we all must do what is necessary to get through it...

The welfare of our children, and their ability to attend school, should be our utmost priority.

Alison Pickart

10 Bank Street
San Anselmo, CA 94960
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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Dog Park

From: tpiliero@gmail.com <tpiliero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:05 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Deb <dpiliero@gmail.com>
Subject: Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

We are Tom and Debbie Piliero. Our address is 46 Upper Rd.

We want to let you know that we are in favor of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

We hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their dogs.

Thanks,

Tom and Debbie Piliero

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Shady Grove

-----Original Message-----

From: Caleb Porter <calebporter11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:23 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Tracey Porter <ttp1015@gmail.com>
Subject: Shady Grove

Hello Council,

As a parent of two children at the Ross school, I feel strongly that the Shady Grove should be reserved for classroom space on an as needed basis this year. I highly encourage you to pass the upcoming resolution so that our children have a place where they can learn while we struggle through this COVID-19 epidemic. Thank you.

-Caleb Porter
47 Redwood Dr, Ross

- Caleb via iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177 - Thurs 8/13/20

From: Caroline Prezzano <caroline.gee@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 11:35 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177 - Thurs 8/13/20

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read this note regarding resolution No 2177 up for review on Thursday Night of this coming week.

I am sorry to say that it is truly a shame that I need to write this email in the first place. The fact that we have to vote on this AGAIN is kind of absurd if you ask me. How in the world did this not pass the first time around?? It seems like a waste of time for everyone involved and is disappointing that opposition to the measure has gotten this far.

I honestly cannot even believe that we as a town are putting dogs before our childrens' education. It seems absolutely ridiculous to so many of us that we would prioritize our pets over our children. Ross School is the heart and soul of this town, and the fact that we are even thinking about not allowing the school to spread out and use the shaded green space right out the front doors, in order to keep our children safe during these unprecedented times, is appalling. If in fact we cannot go back to school when the time comes, because we think dogs should be able to run around instead all day, I think it is safe to say that the majority of the town will have a problem with that. Let the record reflect that all or almost all of the Ross parents pay full freight in the tax department around here, and it is the older set without children being affected by this measure that get a "free ride" around here.

Ross is the town that it is because of our amazing school, and to shut that down to appease the dog population is just not an option. We are not asking for a lifetime with this new measure, but merely we need a little help getting through the next school year safely, and with the ability to spread out on the shaded grassy area without sitting/stepping in poop constantly. And quite frankly, I think there should be no dogs EVER allowed...

As I sat on the grass eating my Tony's pizza last weekend, a big dog came running across the common, took a huge dump right in the middle, ran away, and NO ONE ever picked it up. Lovely. Look forward to watching a bunch of people walk through that one. Enough is enough. Dogs don't rule the world by the way. Dogs don't need to come to dinner picnics, poop all over the place, and ruin the experience for our families and especially young kids. Educating our young people should come first. Dogs are not people. Enough said.

Thank you.

Caroline Prezzano

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross school / dogs

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Prezzano <douglasprezzano4173@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:45 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross school / dogs

Ross Town Council:

I sure hope you would re consider placing pet leisure time as a higher priority than allowing Ross children to be educated.

Please let allow our children a safe outdoor education. I find it incredibly disturbing that dogs are getting the priority.

While we're on the topic - no one cleans up after their dogs - that particular area is disgusting with dog poop which makes it incredibly unpleasant to pick up our kids when they're actually in school.

Dogs run free all over the common - and owners don't clean up after them. It's a problem. t's out of control.

Doug Prezzano

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: John Reed <john.reed@kkcr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:49 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Lulita <lulitareed@gmail.com>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

Our names are Lulita & John Reed and our address is 51 Loma Linda.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

John and Lulita Reed

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: closing ross common to dogs

-----Original Message-----

From: Lulita Reed <lulitareed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:25 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: closing ross common to dogs

I have been a Ross resident for over 11 years. It saddens me that this is even an issue up for discussion. Our children need to be educated in as safe (and clean) environment as possible in these turbulent times. There are so many different places Ross residents can exercise their dogs. A little flexibility on the dog owners part is just common sense. I am a Ross school parent and dog owner and I ask the town of Ross to ban dogs from Ross common so students can have a safe and clean place to study.

Thank you
Lulita and John Reed
51 Loma Linda Ave
Ross

Sent from my tiny keyboard on my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Kate Ripple <kateripple@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 9:50 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. I have a 7th grade son at Ross School and strongly believe that distance learning can not replace or compete with in-person instruction. During these unprecedented times, I feel it is urgent to get students back to school in a safe environment. One temporary, hopefully short term, safe solution would be to hold Ross School classes outdoors which will reduce risk for students, staff and the whole Ross community.

I am also a dog owner (actually I have 2) and I am fully aware of the temporary resolution passed by Ross Council in July prohibiting dogs from 9am-4pm on weekdays. However, during this pandemic I feel that dogs should be temporarily prohibited (day/night) in the shady, grassy area (the "grove") so that students/teachers may be able to use that area for outdoor classrooms once Ross School is cleared to resume in-person instruction. As soon as Ross School is permitted to resume inside instruction, dogs would be able to freely use the grassy area again. I understand and share the disappointment that some dog owners may feel about this potential temporary interruption in their beloved pets' routines, however during these challenging times, it is necessary for one to think of the safety and well-being of others—specifically our students.

Thank you for your consideration. It takes a village.....

Sincerely,
Kate Ripple

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW:

From: Roeder, Chris <Chris.Roeder@am.jll.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:12 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Stephanie Roeder <Fazelis@aol.com>
Subject:

Town council-

My wife and I are in support of resolution 2177, prohibiting dogs on the Ross Commons.

Thanks,

Chris

Christopher T. Roeder

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International Director
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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Rafael Sacasa <rafaelsacasa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:27 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa. My address is 4 Fallen Leaf Ave.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa

Linda Lopez

From: Amy Sagues <asagues@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: msagues@gmail.com

Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Sincerely,

Amy and Matt Sagues

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: John Scarborough <john.scarborough@SummitTrail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:24 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Cristina Scarborough <cristina.scarborough@yahoo.com>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Hi Town Council,

I don't understand why this is even a debate. I have a dog and I have two kids in Ross School – the clear answer is to do whatever we can to keep our kids safe and if that means that dogs and dogs owners have to make a short term sacrifice, it seems incredibly well worth it.

I'm sure that you will make the right decision. Prioritize the safety of our kids.

Thanks,
John & Cristina Scarborough



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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

From: Howard Schomer <hschomer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:20 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in support of this resolution, to allow, temporarily, for greater Ross Common access for our school and students, to facilitate properly socially distanced school programming during these challenging times.

While we too are dog lovers, the simple truth is that the school and students need space to social distance (which includes outdoor space), and the school is not moveable. This is for the safety, health and well-being of our entire community.

There are many places for the dog lovers in our area (not necessarily all from our town) to walk their dogs, or congregate, and we are confident a good solution can be found for them. Additionally, it's never been clear to us that sizeable groups of congregating adults, in such proximity to a school, is necessarily a good idea in the first place, for other safety reasons.

And of course, it's only temporary, so hopefully the Marin canine community can make that sacrifice for our kids, for this short time period, so that we can maximize in-person instruction this year during Covid. The area next to the Post Office may well be a partial solution, and I am confident we can find others as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kimberly Roachat and Howard Schomer

cell: 415.215.5717 (K)

cell: 510.459.0235 (H)

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Ian Sears <ibsears@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:04 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9am to 4pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owners Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Warmest Regards,

Ian Sears, 285 Makin Grade, Kentfield (Ross School District)

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Lacey Sher <cheifacey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:42 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. During this extremely stressful time I think it is extremely important to get kids back into a school environment with proper classrooms and other kids.

If we do get to the safe point holding classes outdoors seems to be a viable way for Ross School students and staff to do this safely.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays on the green area next to school. As much as I appreciate the room that has been made, I think that the time and energy to clean up the space on other hours could be saved by keeping the space free of dogs and garbage all the time until we can get back to some normalcy. We can do this by temporarily prohibiting access to the green zone. I know it may seem unfair to some that live in town but it is not forever.

We may not even get to this point during the months that school is ok to have outside, most are hopeful we will.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a viable place for dog owners. If there is concern about a lack of seating, I am most certain that parents and Ross Property Owner's Association would be willing to purchase benches or an outdoor picnic table that could be movable to make this happen.

Please consider keeping the area for school use only (for hopefully this short time). The kids are our future and I would hope we can do whatever we can to ensure that proper learning and development continues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lacey and Pamela Sher

40 Upper Rd.

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: The "dog park"

From: lslayen <lslayen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:08 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: The "dog park"

My wife and I are in favor of closing the park in the Ross Commons to dogs for the foreseeable future. We have a grand-dog and love dogs, but we care more about the safety of our grandchildren. Ross school is going to need outdoor space during the pandemic and to think that someone would have to clean up after the dogs is gross and an impossible task.

The challenge presented to the community and the school to keep our kids safe is an overwhelming task and to add the dog park to it is an added burden that I am hoping can be avoided.

Thank you for listening. Be well and stay safe,

Larry and Jackie Slayen
50 Willow Ave, Ross, CA

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:00 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Permitting Ross School to use Dog Park during Covid

From: Melissa S. Slayen <melissaslayen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 11:30 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Permitting Ross School to use Dog Park during Covid

Dear Town Council,

I have been a Ross resident since 2002 and live at 51 Wellington Avenue.

I wanted to let you know that I am in support of the measure to close the dog park by the side of the school so that the Ross School District can have access to this space during these super challenging times. From all I have read, being in outdoor space is going to be the safest place for the students to learn.

I hope those opposed to this understand that this is only temporary. I am hoping the Town can figure out a space somewhere else on the commons that the residents and their dogs can use over the coming year until the pandemic is over.

Thank you for doing all you do you make Ross special.

Best,

Melissa

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enjoy the day!
melissa

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Courtney Smith <courtneysmithnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:32 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9am to 4pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. If one of the issues is a lack of seating in that area, perhaps a school group or the Ross Property Owners Association could purchase benches or an outdoor lunch table could be moved to help alleviate that issue.

Warmest Regards,

Courtney Smith

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: HOLLY STRAUSBAUGH <hstrausbaugh@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 6:07 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Town Council Members.

We are writing to urge you to support Resolution No. 2177 which would temporarily re-purpose the dog park on Ross Commons for use as an outdoor classroom for Ross School. The use of this space is essential for the children of Ross to be able to attend school for in-person instruction. There simply is not enough space otherwise.

While we understand that dog owners would appreciate a place as well to congregate with their pets, surely an alternative temporary spot such as the grassy area adjacent to the Post Office could be used as a temporary dog park during this time.

During this global pandemic we all need to pull together as a community. Surely the minor inconvenience of moving the dog park across the street is worth being able to educate our children more effectively.

Sincerely,

Holly Strausbaugh and Greg Hjelmstad

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No 2177

From: Elizabeth Olson Sutro <beth.sutro@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 1:24 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Stephen Sutro <ssutro@sutroarchitects.com>
Subject: Resolution No 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we believe it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students, staff and ultimately, the greater Ross community.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9am to 4pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

The grass area across the street from the Ross Common next to the Post Office seems like a wonderful alternative for dog owners. As a dog loving and owning family, we recognize and appreciate this sacrifice and tradeoff for the greater good and safety of our entire Ross community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth & Stephen Sutro

39 Winship Avenue, Ross CA 94957

Dog owner: Tucker, golden retriever

Parents of Ross School students: Annie (7th), Chip (6th), Bo (1st)

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Elizabeth Olson Sutro
415.509.0967

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177 - Make school a priority

From: Kathy Swindle <kathy@soireesanfrancisco.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:46 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177 - Make school a priority

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. We have two boys at Ross School and a dog that loves the dog park at Ross Common. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. Even if the owners are considerate and clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it is still not clean enough for children to sit in that area. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

As a dog owner that utilizes the Ross Common dog park, we are more than happy to temporarily forego the use of the dog park so Ross School can hold classes outside. We hope and encourage the town to make getting Ross School kids back to school a priority.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Chris Swindle

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: temporary dog park closure

From: Dan Tedford <dan.tedford@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:26 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: temporary dog park closure

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Dan Tedford. My address is 102 Wellington Ave.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Dan Tedford

Linda Lopez

From: Haidee Thai <haideethai@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: Prohibit the Public and Dogs at Ross Common

Hi,

My husband and I want to vote in favor of temporarily prohibit the public and dogs at the Ross Common. This measure is not a permanent resolution, but rather a temporary effort to expand a safe space for our school kids during this pandemic.

Thank you,
Haidee Thai and Mischi a Marca
58 Ivy Drive

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Please vote to temporarily close the dog park, Res. 2177

From: Carolyn Ortler Tsai <carrieotsai@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:27 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Please vote to temporarily close the dog park, Res. 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of temporarily closing the dog park in the Commons for education purposes.

Our family lives at 85 Laurel Grove Ave., in the City of Ross, and we feel strongly that the Town Council should close the dog park to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School during the pandemic.

Please support Resolution 2177.

Sincerely,

Carolyn & Y.K. Tsai
85 Laurel Grove Ave

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons - No More Dog Park

From: Kim Tully-Sutton <kimberly.tullysutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:29 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons - No More Dog Park

Dear Ross Town Council,

I've been meaning to write to you for some time. Since the dog park was closed due to COVID and SIP, I have been very pleased to see small groups of people using the Commons in a socially distanced way to meet with friends and family. Whenever we get past this public health crisis, I'd be in favor of permanently banning that space as a dog park as in my opinion it is much better used as a "people" park instead. For as long as I can remember, dogs and their owners have used that space, however it was always a bit risky walking through there as you didn't want to step on anything and it felt more like a dog area - not a place where you wanted to have a picnic.

Of course, I'd also be in favor of having Ross School temporarily use that space to conduct outdoor learning.

Many thanks,
Kim Tully-Sutton
137 Bolinas Ave, Ross

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution No. 2177

From: Jeneane Wagner <wagner.jeneane@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 09, 2020 11:48 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. In these unprecedented times, we think it is vitally important to get kids back to school in a safe environment. Holding classes outdoors allows the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and eventually to the greater Ross community, and it will enable the local children to learn in a safer environment.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Although we appreciate the resolution, it will be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day. It would be unsanitary and a distraction to learning if any children or teachers sat or stepped in dog waste.

Sincerely,
Jeneane Wagner

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution 2177

From: Clay Walker <cdw1969@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:20 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution 2177

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Clay Walker. My address is 30 Hill Road.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Clay Walker

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

From: Webster, Nicola <Nicola.Webster@gs.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:02 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

Matt and I are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177, seeking your support to help get the children of Ross School back to in-person learning. This is important not only academically, but will also help their emotional and mental wellbeing in these unsettling times. Holding classes outdoors will allow the school to minimize risk to Ross School students and staff and, ultimately, to the greater Ross community.

The temporary resolution passed in July prohibiting dogs from 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays was a good first step, however it's really not possible to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are using the area at other times of the day (no matter how considerate pet owners may be). If dogs are permitted in "the grove" at any time, we will forfeit this critical space.

We would hope that the grass area across the street next to the Post Office should be an acceptable alternative for now. We are blessed to live in an area with many trails / open spaces and hope that the dog owners in our town (including us!) will understand how vital this shaded area is to our children at this time and seek other areas to exercise their pets for a while.

Sincerely,

Niki and Matt Webster

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

From: Emily Wilson <emily_o_wilson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 3:44 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: mark wilson <j_mark_wilson@yahoo.com>
Subject: Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Subject: Resolution No. 2177

Dear Town Council Members,

We are writing in regards to Resolution No. 2177. My husband and I think it is imperative to get children back to school in as safe an environment as possible. The ability for teachers to teach their classes outside would allow Ross School to minimize risk to students and staff both and in doing so, the larger Ross community. This would enable the children of our town to learn in a safer environment, then if they were to learn indoors.

In July, the council passed a temporary resolution which prohibited dogs on the Commons from 9am- 4 pm on weekdays. While this is a positive start, it would be extremely difficult to keep the area clean of dog waste if dogs are continuing to use this area at other times of the day. Even if pet owners clean up after their dog goes to the bathroom, it would still not be clean enough for teachers and children to walk around and sit in this area for learning. Not only would it be a distraction, but would be extremely unsanitary to learning if any children or teachers stepped in or sat in dog waste. There have been more times than not, when our family of five have enjoyed a town gathering at the Commons only to find that one or often more of us had stepped in dog waste. The well-being of the teachers and students alike should be placed before dogs being able to use this space during these unprecedented times.

Perhaps the grass area across the street from the Ross Common, next to the Post Office, could be a wonderful alternative for dog owners? If one issue is a lack of seating in this area, a school group or the Ross Property Owner's Association could possibly purchase benches for this area to help mitigate the issue.

Sincerely,

Emily & Mark Wilson

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:20 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Support of Temp Dog Park closure

From: Ashley J. Wood <amjwood@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 5:47 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Support of Temp Dog Park closure

Dear Ross Town Council,

My name is Ashley Wood. My address is 42 Fernhill Avenue.

I just want to let you know that I am in support of the Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to accommodate outdoor learning areas for the Ross School District during these challenging times (Resolution 2177).

I hope the Council can find a creative solution to find an alternative place on the Commons for those in town to congregate with their puppies.

Sincerely,

Ashley Wood

Ashley J. Wood
amjwood@mac.com
415/497-3093

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:15 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Ross Commons

From: Zampa, Brad @ San Francisco <Brad.Zampa@cbre.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 8:28 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Ross Commons

Dear Ross Town Council –

I have lived in Ross for most of my 50 years. I attended Ross School Class of 1984 and attended Branson Class of 1988. My wife Lisa and I have 3 boys Dominick, Zachary and Brody and we live in Winship Park. Dominick just graduated from Ross and will be attending Redwood online next week. Zach and Brody will be in 5th and 7th grade respectively which are crucial learning years.

We are in full support of the Ross Town Council temporarily closing the Dog Park in the Commons to hopefully accommodate outdoor learning classes for Ross School during these unprecedented and challenging times. We love our 2 year old lab Gunner, but we have more than enough choices to walk, run and play together throughout Ross and Kentfield.

We also love the Ross Commons as much as anyone, and we cannot think of a higher or better use than outdoor education.

All the best,

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Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: Resolution #2177

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Zampa <lisazampa@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 2:13 PM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Subject: Resolution #2177

Hello,

I'm a Ross Community family member and have 3 boys. One just graduated from Ross school and I have one entering 7th grade and one entering 5th grade. I also am a proud owner of a white Labrador retriever puppy.

In regards to resolution #2177, our family urges the use of the outdoor space on the commons for the ability to return to school in person sooner and more safely. This isn't a forever request it's just until covid 19 is under control. There are plenty of dog parks and areas around for the local community to utilize until this pandemic gets under control. We need to prioritize education for the children of Ross first and foremost. This is imperative to their well being.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Lisa, Brad, Dominick, Zachary, Brody and Gunner Zampa

Sent from my iPhone

Linda Lopez

From: Joe Chinn - Town Manager
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Linda Lopez
Subject: FW: space for Ross School to do outdoor classes

From: MICHELLE Zoila-Shaffer <mimisophia@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:08 AM
To: CouncilAll <towncouncil@townofross.org>
Cc: Rebecca Nessel <rnessel@gmail.com>
Subject: space for Ross School to do outdoor classes

I give definitely give my vote for Ross School to temporarily use the dog area for outdoor classes this year.

It is so important for children to be able to do this.

We have the children here at Ross Cottage Nursery School outdoors for now, and its wonderful for them to have an opportunity to see other children and interact safely.

There are many dog parks for use (Robson dog park in San Anselmo and the dog park behind Safeway at Redhill,) for all dog owners to use until the area at Ross School is no longer needed for our students.

I am also a dog owner and love dogs. But I think its important for the children of Ross School to have this opportunity.

Thank you and hope everyone is doing well!:)

Michelle Zoila-Shaffer (Zackary Shaffer's mom)

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