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Dear PRAC,

We are long term homeowners at 1871 Colombard Way, 3 houses from Vineyard Park, writing to register our opposition to allowing dogs off leash in Vineyard Park.

We have several concerns:

- Dog parks/play areas near residential areas inevitably result in degraded experiences for residents, and often reduced property values
- dog urine cannot be scooped up and feces inevitably are left behind: even if there is 90%+ compliance by dog owners there's always some waste left behind
- this park is a play and picnic area for families with children: not compatible with dogs off leash
- parking is already limited, especially during pickleball times, resulting in visitors parking in residents only areas, irrespective of signs designating restricted parking
- inevitably, when owners get out of their cars, some dogs will already be off leash and out of control in the residential area before reaching the park
- noise from dog barking when added to pickleball noise will further degrade outdoor backyard experience of residents
- once off-leash is allowed, owners may not observe time restrictions: how will limits be enforced?
- there's already a large dog park in Napa: we don't need a dog park/area in Yountville in a residential area

Thanks for your consideration.

Jim King

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