

## Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

### **1. Do you have a dog? If so, where are your favorite places to walk your dog?**

Yes, we have two family dogs. Diego is our cute Chihuahua that we rescued over fourteen years ago. Ginger is our sweet Terrier-doodle mix who has been a part of our family since we rescued her over six years ago. I love to walk our dogs wherever it is allowed and as often as I can. Some of the places I enjoy walking with my furry friends are my neighborhood, Bedwell Bayfront Park, Windy Hill, Arastradero Preserve, Foothills Park, McNee Ranch State Park, Pillar Point Beach, Pacifica Beach, Sweeney Ridge, Redondo Beach, and any other beaches where dogs are allowed, including Fort Funston and Ocean Beach.

It is important to follow dog management rules of any area, keep dogs on leash where required and always pick up after them. Dogs make life wonderful and there is nothing better than walking your dog on beautiful trails and beaches in our County!

### **2. Do you support having some off-leash voice control dog walking access on some Coastside beaches and trails?**

Yes, and I frequently go to beaches and trails that allow this. It is such a joy to see dogs off leash happily running in the surf and on trails, where allowed.

### **3. Is there anything else you would like voters to know about your position on recreational dog walking access?**

It is important to have recreational dog walking access on trails and beaches because people love to walk their dogs. I appreciate the work of the Dog Management Committee that advised the San Mateo County Park and Recreation commission on County Park dog policy changes approved by the Board of Supervisors October 23, 2018.

They developed a thoughtful list to use when “Considering New Areas for Dog Access, that include: a) Look for opportunities adjacent to urban areas and neighborhoods where there is demand for dog walking; b) Ensure adequate staffing, staff training and facilities can be provided to effectively manage the new use and address any increase in demand; c) Consider adjacent uses and whether connecting trails that allow dogs can be continued; d) Consider opportunities for dog access that are restricted by time of day or day of the week as needed or appropriate to balance park uses and provide a variety of park experiences; e) Ensure that all other policies regarding managing dog access can be met.”

The above list may be used if opportunities arise to allow additional dog walking access. We must also note that dogs may harm animals and birds in their natural habitat and that some people are afraid of dogs, so it is very important to keep dogs on a leash or under voice control.

When I ran for Menlo Park City Council, I created the video with our dog Ginger.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOK722h9gYg&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOK722h9gYg&feature=emb_title)

Our dogs are an important part of our family and bring great joy to our lives. I even included a shout out to my dogs in my candidate statement for the Harbor District because they are so special to me, noting that I enjoy walking my dogs along the Coastal Trail.

**KIRSTEN KEITH**

**Age:** 53

**Occupation:** Water Supply and Conservation Agency Director

**Education and Qualifications:**

I love our beautiful county beaches and harbors. I'm running to protect the precious coastal and bay environment, while supporting recreational opportunities and a strong, sustainable commercial fishing industry.

Growing up in San Mateo County, I loved windsurfing and sailing. As an adult, I've rowed on a masters crew team and now enjoy walking my dogs along the Coastal Trail.

I have served on boards and commissions for over 25 years, starting with the County Commission on the Status of Women for eight years, followed by the Menlo Park Planning Commission for seven years. I was then elected to the Menlo Park City Council for eight years, always delivering a balanced budget. I will bring this commitment to fiscal responsibility to the Harbor District.

I currently serve on the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board, ensuring over 1.8 million residents have reliable, high quality water at a fair price, while providing water conservation programs. I also serve on the Sustainable San Mateo County Board, driving impactful action on economic, environmental and social equity issues leading to sustainable practices for the health of the county.

I would be honored to have your vote.

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*Thank you for answering these questions. We plan on putting your answers on our website to make it easy for your constituents to view your positions.*