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To: Kate Black <kblack@townofalta.com>

Subject: Dogs

Kate - We are owners in the View in Alta and have a dog (with an Alta license). I have been in touch with some of the council members about the dog proposals and specifically about Harris's proposal that dogs always be on leash. I am sending this to you with hopes you can forward this to all council members in connection with the discussion tomorrow on this subject. As with I believe many dog owners I am not there in the summer so it is difficult to deal with this while all of us are not there. Thanks!

My thoughts are:

- Clearly one set of important stakeholders in this process is those of us you have dog licenses. I think we need to be kept in the loop directly as this progresses, but many of us cannot be at these hearings over the summer. If there is a proposal, and/or there is a proposal from the council, we should be informed of what that proposal is with a chance to comment and participate - Otherwise what happens is what is occurring now- hysterical e mails circulating among Alta dog owners with either misinformation or lack of information or both. That atmosphere cannot help reach a reasonable compromise.

- I am not advocating no leash ordinance. I am (and I believe most dog owners are) fine with dogs not being able to be off leash around the ski lifts and buildings in town as all of that is set forth currently in the ordinance. (Currently I run my dog in the winter pre 8:30 AM up on the summer road, which I think is allowed.) But the fear of many of us is that what is being proposed is an absolute leash ordinance that a dog must be on leash at ALL locations and ALL times of day. That will drive many of us out of town.

- So... I am hopeful that certain areas can be set aside for appropriate off leash times for dogs generally as is currently allowed with reasonable tweaking. For instance, I understand the sensitivities around certain areas of the Albion Basin and trails. But if a dog can't run at all under the voice/whistle control of its owner that is unworkable.

Thank for your time and energy.

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To the Town Council,

I write to express my vehement opposition to the latest rendition of the dog ordinance (directed by Mr Sondak) to have dogs leashed at all times in Alta.

It seems that Harris is representing the Forest Service more than his constituents. Not every rule or directive handed down by the US Government is correct and needs following - witness the populist uprisings all over our country regarding overreach by the Federal Government.

For the health and sanity of TOA dogs, they need to be able to run free at some point everyday. Even New York City allows an off-leash period for dogs in Central Park.

Many reasons have been lobbed about to curtail dog freedoms. One constant is excremental. Until evidence is produced showing harm to the watershed from dog waste, I don't believe this argument. The leaking Albion basin snow cats at the gate of the summer road certainly do more harm to water quality.

Taking freedoms away from the electorate is not a winning recipe. The Harris administration has riled the populace of this Town more than any other in the 20 years that I have lived here. I would suggest that work be addressed to better the lives of the townspeople rather than this current project which has consumed a ridiculous amount of time and serves the goals of anti-dog people and career climbers in the Forest Service.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Libre MD