

**PETITION OF ANNEX RESIDENTS WITH AND WITHOUT DOGS
FOR THE IMMEDIATE DESIGNATION OF
A TEMPORARY OFF-LEASH AREA IN THE ANNEX**

1. We support the search for a compromise regarding the use and enjoyment of Sibelius and other parks in our neighborhood guided by principles of sharing, reasonable pluralism and mutual consideration.
2. We recognize the need and desire of families and individuals living with a dog or dogs in their household to have access to a functional and aesthetically pleasing Annex neighborhood park where they can meet with each other and socialize and exercise their dogs in community.
3. The recent revocation of the off-leash designation at Sibelius Square without the prior designation of a replacement space leaves the Annex without even one off-leash area. It places many residents in the invidious situation of having to either (1) infringe the new rules, or (2) be unable to discharge their responsibility of exercising and socializing their puppy or adult dog on a daily basis. It is unnecessarily divisive of our community for law-abiding citizens to be placed in this situation.
4. We call on Councillor Vaughan to advocate for the immediate designation of a temporary off-leash area within Sibelius Square, pending the identification of a suitable park (Sibelius Square and/or another Annex park) for permanent designation of an off-leash area in accordance with the principles in item 1.

To sign the petition, please send an email to earsopengroup@gmail.com with your name and address or postal code.

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