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Michael Kelly
General Superintendent and CEO
Chicago Park District
541 North Fairbanks
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: Request to Revisit Dog Policy for Maggie Daley Park and Peanut Park

Dear Superintendent Kelly:

My office has been informed that the Park District plans to prohibit dogs in Maggie Daley Park and Peanut Park following the large-scale reconstruction project. I respectfully request the Chicago Park District reconsider this policy, which will impact tens of thousands of 42nd Ward residents who reside in the New Eastside neighborhood and the Chicago Loop.

I would like to offer my strong support for a policy that would allow dogs, on leash, to travel on pedestrian paths through Maggie Daley Park and Peanut Park.

Permitting leashed dogs at Maggie Daley Park and Peanut Park will allow for a more reasonable level of access to the lakefront and South Grant Park for Chicago visitors and New Eastside residents. A policy that allows dogs, on leash, will also improve guests' enjoyment of the new park areas.

Please provide my office with information regarding the Park District's plan to address this concern. Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. Please feel free to contact my office if you require further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Brendan Reilly
Alderman, 42nd Ward

CC: Dr. Bryan S. Traubert, President, Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners
Pat Levar, Chicago Park District
Rob Rejman, Chicago Park District

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