

Santa Cruz County Supervisor Candidate Questionnaire Summary Responses May 7 2006

1. Please choose which statement reflects your position:

A. I support the FOLF stand to continue the existing dog regulations at LSB. I will commit to working with the city, county and state to help achieve this goal.

B. I support the FOLF stand to continue the existing dog regulations at LSB. But do not believe a County Supervisor has the ability to impact this decision to a significant degree. I will however, if elected Supervisor, do what I can to impact the decision making process to help bring about the goals of the FOLF.

C. I do not support the FOLF stand to continue the existing dog regulations at LSB.

Jonathan Boutelle: A

Chris Krohn: B

Neal Coonerty: A

2. Comments: (please feel free to add any comments)

Jonathan Boutelle: Emma Lou and I use Lighthouse Field (and asof today, Its beach) at least twice a week. We continue to meet interesting people and dogs each time.

Chris Krohn: No added comments

Neal Coonerty: I'M PRO-DOG AND I RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. MY WIFE AND I ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OUR DOG "SWEETIE" WHO CAME TO US FROM THE SPCA ANIMAL SHELTER 15 YEARS AGO. SHE IS A WONDERFUL DOG WHO IS SHOWING HER AGE BUT WHO SHARES OUR LIFE IN A VERY IMPORTANT WAY.

WHEN I HAVE BEEN IN ENGLAND, I SAW A SOCIETY THAT IS MUCH MORE DOG-FRIENDLY THAN THE UNITED STATES. DOGS IN A DOG-FRIENDLY PLACE ARE A FULL PART OF COMMUNITY LIFE AND DOG OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND MAKE DOGS AN ENJOYABLE PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE. SANTA CRUZ CITY AND COUNTY SHOULD DO AN SERIOUS STUDY TO IDENTIFY WAYS WE COULD BECOME A DOG-FRIENDLY CITY AND COUNTY.

3. Please specify any of your specific experiences that would make you most qualified candidate to help support and achieve the goals of FOLF (e.g., city, county and state government, parks and land use issues, community action, government zoning, legal or budget planning) ?:

Jonathan Boutelle: I have always lived with dogs and other living creatures. My aunt, who helped to raise me, put the focus on this perspective like the Wise Woman that she was. "Whenever people are unable to live with and around animals, they find themselves less able to be in touch with their own humanity."

Chris Krohn: NO RESPONSE

Neal Coonerty: I WAS ELECTED TO THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL IN 1990 AND SERVED AS MAYOR IN 1993. BEFORE MY TERM THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF WAS MANAGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PILINGS UNDER THE WHARF. I FELT STRONGLY THAT THE WHARF WAS A RECREATION FACILITY USED BY FISHERMEN, BOATERS, WALKERS, ETC. ISUCCESSFULLY PROPOSED THE TRANSFER OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WHARF TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY EXPANDED. THIS IS THE KIND OF DIRECT ACTION LEADING TO A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT THAT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL NEEDS TO DO.

4. Do you think it is an appropriate use of County recreation funds to provide off-leash recreation areas?

Jonathan Boutelle: YES

Chris Krohn: YES

Neal Coonerty: YES, I BELIEVE THAT OFF-LEASH ACTIVITY IS A VALUABLE FORM OF RECREATION AND PROVIDING COUNTY RECREATION FUNDS TO PROVIDE OFF-LEASE RECREATION AREAS IS APPROPRIATE AND NEEDED.

5. Currently the County provides financial support for LSB (approx 40 acres) and it's shared-use off-leash recreation, do you think that's an appropriate use of funds, that should be continued ?

Jonathan Boutelle: YES

Chris Krohn: YES

Neal Coonerty: YES, THE COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LSB AND, BECAUSE OF THAT FINANCIAL COMMITMENT; THE COUNTY SHOULD INSIST THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS A VOICE IN DECISIONS REGARDING ITS FUTURE.

6. Currently the County also provides few dedicated off-leash dog parks - For the off-leash recreation needs of county citizens, which statement best represents your position?

- A. The County of Santa Cruz provides more than adequate space off-leash recreation
- B. The County of Santa Cruz provides sufficient space off-leash recreation
- C. The County of Santa Cruz provides not enough space off-leash recreation

Jonathan Boutelle: C

Chris Krohn: C

Neal Coonerty: C; TO BE A TRULY DOG-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY, THE COUNTY SHOULD INVESTIGATE HOW WE COULD BEST INTEGRATE ON-LEASE AND OFF-LEASE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM. AT THIS TIME, I DO NOT BELIEVE THE COUNTY PROVIDES ENOUGH OFF-LEASE RECREATION SPACE.

7. If you are committed to off-leash recreational parks, which do you consider to be the most appropriate form of park (please feel free to pick multiple and designate order 1-3 of preference)?

- A. Contained dog runs with gravel or wood-chip surface (such as Scotts Valley or Aptos)
- B. Open Space contained areas (large grass fields or beach areas within fences)
- C. Open Space shared use areas (such as Lighthouse Field, Carmel beach)

Please Note: The responses are in priority order.

Jonathan Boutelle: C, B, A

Chris Krohn: B

Neal Coonerty: C, B

Any Additional comments:

Chris Krohn: Let me take a moment to tell you how impressed I am with your organization and lobbying efforts. Our community is enhanced when residents organize around their interests and engage in community dialogue and discussion.

I have a dog, Jester, a chocolate lab mixed with dachshund...yes, very interesting but the best of both breeds. I had a dog for 17 years when I was young, a cockerspaniel named Clyde. I am familiar with dogs and the issues both dog owners and non-dog owners face. Lighthouse Field has been an amazing place in which the progressives made a stand many years ago and really preserved a central piece of land for the use and enjoyment of this community. It is one of the reasons I am proud to live and work in Santa Cruz.