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Hon. Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Hon. Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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January 24, 2011

Re: Dog Park

Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the City Council:

There are nearly 73 million dogs in the US and 59% of the households have at least one dog. Most park facilities are currently geared towards a narrow range of users such as ages 2 to 12 for playgrounds, or ages 12 to 40 for most ball fields. Dog parks are one of the few multi-generational park activities that offer recreation for almost every age and ability level. Based on the number of park users and initial cost, a dog park provides more recreation opportunities per dollar spent on construction and maintenance than any other park activity.

Currently over 70 Connecticut Cities and Towns offer residents and their canine friends a place to fellowship and exercise with great success. During the past 18 months or so, the Mayor and I have been having some discussions regarding a location and the feasibility of an Off Leash Dog Park here in the City of Danbury.

I believe the time has come to formalize this idea by requesting that an Ad Hoc committee be appointed to gather information as to a possible location, associated costs involved as well as form and function. I would appreciate your consideration of this request at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph M. Cavo".

Joseph M. Cavo
3rd Ward Councilman
City Council President