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Subject: Request for Consideration of a Local Pet Cemetery at the Miller Property

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Dear Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Commission,

I'm writing with a deeply personal request and a heartfelt proposal regarding a small portion of the Miller property, now under county ownership and currently undergoing significant development.

Before the land became public, I buried several beloved pets there—starting with my first cat when I was just 8 years old. I'm 45 now since then I buried Mogwai and Girl. Both dogs were born and raised in Boulder Creek and spent their lives roaming the Miller property.

Recently, I was asked to remove the grave markers from the site. (I did) While I understand this area is now part of a public space, I am kindly asking the Commission to consider designating a small, respectful section—specifically near the giant redwood tree—as a local pet cemetery.

This location holds deep sentimental value for me and for others in the Boulder Creek and Kings Creek communities, where many have quietly buried their pets over the years. A designated and well-maintained space would preserve that history and serve as a peaceful resting place for beloved animal companions.

As a member of the nonprofit organization E Clampus Vitus, I would be glad to help support and maintain the area. We can donate and install a natural split-rail fence to define and protect the space. This would be environmentally friendly, visually clean, and

in harmony with the natural surroundings. Also me being fourth generation tree climber in Boulder Creek. I could give my services as a tree climber signing release of liability obviously & cleaning up the big redwood and I see other hazardous trees in the area that need attention. Being a part of the clampers, there are other climbers and people that would love to help out for their community.

For many of us, pets are family. Not everyone has children—but many of us have loved and lost cats and dogs who meant the world to us. Creating a small pet cemetery would be a beautiful way to honor that bond and the emotional connections people have to this land.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet privately with the Commission to discuss this request further and see if we can come to a thoughtful agreement.

Thank you sincerely for your time, understanding, and consideration.

Warm regards,

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Member, E Clampus Vitus

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