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Park Commission:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to making Forest Park Cemetery "dog free". The park is already designated "dog friendly", and all dogs are required to be on leashes.

As a woman, I enjoy spending time alone in this 80-acre park with my hound-shepherd mix, with whom I always feel safe. In fact, I never spent time in the park until I got her nearly two years ago, and I have since gotten to know the park and the Madisonians buried in it (many of whom probably loved dogs of their own). It would be a shame to cut our dog walking residents (many women with their dogs!) off from this history.

I am not sure why we are suddenly considering this backwards proposal, but I can say that I've never even seen a stray dog poop in the park, and all dog owners have had dogs leashed and well-behaved. In fact signage at the park already bans bikes and rollerblades, etc. Pretty soon we'll only allow cars-- we should be encouraging more use of the park by our tax-paying residents, not further hindering it.

In summary I ask you to vote no on the proposal to ban dogs in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Thanks,  
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