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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dangerous dogs owned by Peter Gordon and family at 408 32nd Street, Manhattan Beach

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Dear Chief Abell:

I am 72 years old and I live at _____ in Manhattan Beach. My back gate and garage both open onto

On two occasions last year, I'm afraid I don't recall the dates but it was late summer or early fall, when I opened my back gate Mr Gordon's dog Oliver was loose in the alley and his owner was some distance behind him. As soon as the dog saw me he charged towards me which made me shout "Get your dog away from me" and "Your dog should be on a leash". Mr Gordon's only response was "Sorry", at which point the dog ran past me and into my back yard. Mr Gordon managed to persuade the dog to leave my yard and I shut my gate on them.

A couple of weeks later the same thing occurred except that I did not speak to Mr Gordon in the alley. He just uttered the same "Sorry" once or twice and pushed the dog away and up towards the East end of the alley. A few minutes later, both he and the dog had completed the loop on Grandview and entered 32nd Street walking West with the dog still loose, I was in my front yard watering. He again said "Sorry" attempting to engage me, but this time my response was "Save your breath. It means nothing. You don't mean it and you won't do anything to change what you are doing". The implication being changing the way they allow the dog to roam without a leash unsupervised wherever it wants to.

I can say that I have never seen any of the Gordon family with the dog on a leash. It is always loose around their property or when they are further afield.

Although I am 72, I am fairly stable on my legs to deal with this kind of dog behavior. But I should not have that choice forced upon me. I had dogs as a child and a teenager so they do not frighten me, but that can not be said for everyone that lives in this community. Having a loose large dog charge at you with its mouth open and teeth showing is not an encounter I'm interested in repeating again.

The Gordon family now have two dogs. In June 2018 Oliver launched an unprovoked attack and seriously injured the small dogs of [redacted]. The dogs required extensive veterinary care and managed to survive the encounter. Last Wednesday, July 29th, both of the Gordon's dogs attacked and killed a Jack Russell terrier belonging to [redacted]. Another of my neighbors was also attacked by Oliver last year. She however has two very large dogs, a German Shepherd and a mixed breed, I believe they were able to defend her from being seriously hurt. All of these incidents occurred when the Gordon's dog or dogs were off the leash and allowed to do whatever they wanted to do. There are leash laws in this city and in Los Angeles County. They need to be enforced.

The Gordon's are irresponsible dog owners. Both dogs they currently own should be removed permanently and the entire family banned from dog ownership for as long as they live in this city at the least. The dogs could be surrendered to a rescue organization that specifically deals with such "red line" animals and the expenses incurred paid entirely by the Gordon family. They should also be responsible for the veterinary expenses incurred by both owners of the dogs that were attacked.

I await your timely response to this dangerous situation. Please bear in mind there are a number of young children that live in this area and they often play in the street.

Sincerely

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