

**Here is a part of a letter UTB sent to Sacramento in support of State Assembly Bill AB 359**

We dog owners and advocates are *also environmentalists*. We have researched other dog beaches in California and found there are no negative environmental impacts. Our desire is to IMPROVE the condition of the beach. In that light, we propose to fundraise to *have the Wilshire storm drain professionally cleaned* more often during the year. This would definitely improve the *water quality* at and in the area of the dog zone. *100 dog owners* who have committed themselves to one hour per week of cleaning and monitoring the sand during the pilot program. To help them, a doggy poop scoop organization has volunteered their services as well.

In addition to these proposals, we have also worked diligently and developed several others which would enhance the safety and liability issues which sometimes are brought up. Our City Council agrees that we deserve a chance to try to make it work.

So we are asking your help. As you know, you will be receiving a letter from our City Council, and we ask you to please support their resolution. When Ted Lieu takes up AB 359 anew, (which we have faith that he will), he will be looking at the Santa Monica amendment and inquiring whether or not it is favored in our own district. We ask that our state representatives agree to include the Santa Monica pilot and to pass the bill, allowing dog lovers to prove that we can be a viable part of beach improvement.