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Dear City Leaders - this letter from Beacon Hill neighbor Mary and Rex DeShon is respectfully submitted for public testimony.

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From: **Mary DeShon** <mkdeshon@gmail.com>
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Hello,

We live at 2400 Forest Ave in Beacon Hill.

We purchased our home because of the small community atmosphere. We also felt like it was a safe area (but it is not with loose dogs).

We have witnessed several occasions of large pit bull dogs running loose.

The first time was when we were on vacation and our house sitter sent us pictures of two dogs running loose up by the mailboxes by the park. He immediately grabbed up our tiny Shihtzu and went back to our house.

We've had numerous issues with the pitbull's, and the homeless people right behind the La Quinta hotel. It took months to get those cleared out of there. The police even got involved, and told my husband that the homeless were not ready to surrender their dog so they couldn't take them! Ridiculous!

We live across from that field in the green home on the corner.

Someone is not doing their job in policing this area and keeping it safe. I also know of a neighbor and a dog that were actually bitten by these loose dogs running around. I refuse to walk out of my own fenced backyard. We even bought bear spray, which was suggested by another neighbor, to use in the event we got attacked. We are sick of these dogs running loose. Also, someone is breeding these dogs, as we have witnessed several litters.

Many people in this area walk their dogs, and we should not be threatened or have to look over our shoulders and worry about dogs running loose. I'm sure these dogs running loose do not have vaccinations either!

Pet project is not enforcing the leash law here in Kansas City. It needs to go back to the City maintaining this and enforcing the rules. If you are caught with a loose dog you should have the dog taken away. A second offense should result in the owner taken to jail. We realize the homeless could not pay a fine, but guarantee if they were taken to jail it probably would not happen again.

Thank you,
Rex & Mary DeShon