

Sit, Robert, sit

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There he goes again.

Robert Holden, the petulant president of the Juniper Park Civic Association has turned up the heat in his crusade against the city's dogs and their owners. We can only hope that his bark is worse than his bite.

We commented in last week's issue on Holden's campaign to prevent the creation of a dog run in Juniper Park and his threat to sue the Department of Health for allowing dogs to run off leash in city parks from 9 p.m. until 9 a.m. Clearly, Mr. Holden has too much time on his hands.

Then Mr. Holden invited Mayor Bloomberg to a meeting of the civic association where he presented him with a plaque honoring him for his help in blocking the Cross Harbor Tunnel Project. After Hizzoner left, Holden reiterated his opposition to the dog runs and the relaxing of the leash law. He said he is now ready to go forward with the lawsuit and, he says, he has the signatures of all 100 members of the Civic Congress.

With all due respect, we doubt that. Show us the signatures, Mr. Holden.

But if 100 community leaders did sign this resolution, then 100 civic leaders were wrong. The dog runs and the easing of the leash are a good compromise between those who love dogs and those who don't.

No matter what, this isn't an issue for the courts. Since this is a democracy, let the people decide. Why not put the issues of the dog runs and the amended leash law up for a vote in the November election. We're guessing the anti-dog contingent will find themselves a small, albeit noisy, minority.

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