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Dear Council Member of Dana Point,

My name is Vanessa and I am a student and a resident of Dana Point 92629. I'm writing this letter to you to express my concern about a persistent issue that affects our communities quality, loitering, and general neglect in public spaces across our city. I've noticed that in many parts, especially around Doheny Beach. It has become a gathering place for people to leave their trash and vandalize property and make decisions that make others feel safe or uncomfortable. This property makes our city look poorly and trashy but it also discourages families and students from fully enjoying these spaces. I do understand that it is needed to protect the rights of all individuals in public spaces, but I also think that maintaining a clean and safe welcoming city is very important. In my American government class we've looked over lectures and one specific part states, "interest groups promote both public and private interests". And I see this issue as one of the public interests. A clean and safe environment is a non-excludable good that helps all residents, something we all have a right to expect from our city government. As I have looked through my research, I have found out that other cities like San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Beach and Mission Viejo have also addressed loitering and urban neglect through high access to public restrooms, job outreach programs, community cleanup events, and consistently enforcement of local ordinances. Would you consider creating or supporting a local initiative that takes you more provocative approach to keeping in our city and addressing the root cause of loading perhaps like a city count council meeting or sending newsletters to the people in the community to volunteer in community cleanups? Overall, I believe that part with local non-profits, youth groups

and neighborhood associations can help develop community-led solutions that balance compassion with accountability. If we all stick as a team and help each other out we can definitely succeed in keeping our city clean and safe. Working as a team will make a huge difference in our city. Thank you so much for your service to our city and for taking the time to hear from our constituents. I would be grateful for any updates on efforts your office and team is taking or billing to address this important problem that we have in our city.

Sincerely,  
Vanessa.