Objectives:
1. Raise public awareness of the detrimental health and environmental consequences of dog waste in open space.
2. Advocate use and made available of compostable dog bags to help a cleaner, healthier, and safer environment for kids and adults.

Phases Accomplished:

Phase 1 (Education & Survey):
1. Printed & distributed informational flyers to describe the detrimental health and environmental consequences of dog waste.
2. Conducted a neighborhood survey on dog waste awareness.
3. Prepared a short presentation to my neighbors on my action plan and how it helps the environment.

Phase 2 (Motion & Advocate):
1. Action plan with the Mercado Way HOA (Home Owners Association).
2. In Q1’18 HOA meeting, discussed my research findings and interest levels of my neighbors from survey in Phase 1.
3. Put on agenda to discuss my proposal in upcoming HOA meeting.
4. Researched cost of dog bag dispensers and compostable bags to be presented in HOA meeting.

Neighborhood Survey Summary:

1. Do you notice dog wastes in our community? ➔
   - 25% No
   - 75% Yes

2. Severity of dog waste noticed?
   - A few pieces
   - Occasional piece
   - Continuous piece
   - Not noticed

3. Are you aware of health hazard from dog waste? ➔
   - No
   - Maybe
   - Yes

4. Do you support installation of dog bag dispensers in neighborhood to reduce exposed dog waste?
   - No
   - Maybe
   - Yes

5. Are you willing to spend time and money to install dog bag dispensers? ➔
   - No
   - Yes

Impact:
- Aroused awareness of a seemingly insignificant issue.
- Generally positive feedback from neighborhood to take action.

Results
Half of respondents not aware of health hazard ➔ More education and flyers in the summer months to raise awareness.

Future plans & directions.
- Next step to convince and to get approval from HOA for funding and locations of dispenser locations.
- Extend awareness to adjacent communities.
- For further information, please visit https://domil2003.wixsite.com/projectdogbag

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