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The San Diego City Council is taking up the proposed closure of Children's Pool on Tuesday, October 29th, 2 PM. On nearly the eve of that decision, the Sea Lions at the La Jolla Cove moved ashore in great numbers and took over the sandy beach area of the Cove. This is how it looked at the Cove with a large group of hauled out Sea Lions last Friday evening. Sea Lions have used the beach at the Cove for the past year but usually late at night.

With the City of San Diego seemingly willing to surrender our most cherished public beach at Children's Pool to the demands of animal rights extremists, can those same restrictions be far off for the La Jolla Cove? How long before we hear the demands to rope off or close the La Jolla Cove? As the Children's Pool moves closer to being closed, the La Jolla Cove is now in the sights of the extremists who see man as something foreign to nature and the natural environment. A check of Facebook for seal related pages shows the rallying cry has already been made to close or severely restrict public access at the Cove. (see the Cove Defenders facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cove.defender?fref=ts>)

How would public policy which allows one public beach to be closed to human access not apply to all? Especially the La Jolla Cove which already is a State Marine Reserve. Is it now to be the policy of the City of San Diego to close any beach where people share the ocean with wildlife? Will the waste left behind by the animals causing the powerful aroma to drift over the urban areas be left to resolve itself? Health Dept. warning signs for fecal contamination were posted on October 17th and quietly removed soon afterward.



Can the pinniped problems up and down the California coast be far off for San Diego?



The specific purpose of this corporation is to educate the public as to the use of the Children's Pool in accord with Miss Ellen Scripps' charitable intent in 1931 in order to protect La Jolla Children's Pool surroundings as a public park, a bathing pool for children, and public recreational usage in accordance with chapter 937 of the deed of trust between Miss Ellen Browning Scripps, the State of California, and the City of San Diego, county of San Diego. Publicize the return of Children's Pool to public recreational use. Promote water quality and safety. Facilitate cleaning the beach and adjacent areas to make it attractive and convenient for public use.