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TO: The Los Angeles City Council

RE: Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1

On April 7, 2009, the Los Angeles Bicycle Advisory Committee chose to interpret paragraph #4 of LaBonge-Garcetti Motion 07-3494-S1 which reads:

"I therefore move that the City Council direct the Department of Recreation and Parks to remove Griffith Park from off-road mountain bicycles use and work with the Departments of City Planning and Transportation, through the development of the new Bicycle Plan, to continue to explore the possibility of mountain bike use at other City parklands."

Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1 must be reworded to remove ALL city parks from consideration for mountain biking, and please reaffirm the existing City ordinance prohibiting them on city park trails. Parks included are Elysian, Debs, O'Melveny, Ascot Hills, Verdugo Hills, Hansen Dam, Sepulveda Basin as well as Griffith Park and perhaps others that are not named here.

It has been shown in the local State and National Parks where trails have traditionally been used by hikers, families and equestrians (one particular local trail in Malibu Creek State Park -- the Tapia Spur Trail, and also many segments of the renown Backbone Trail in the Santa Monica Mountains where it is not possible to see oncoming speeding mountain bikers to defend oneself against being threatened, life and limb, with their speed), the addition of mountain bikes on those trails has caused the rest of us to stay away from those trails especially after experiencing incidents with the speed used by mountain bikers, jeopardizing our very lives.

We must keep LA City parks trails safe - for hikers, families, and equestrians - from the dangers mountain bikers impose on the rest of us!

Please present this comment to LaBonge and Garcetti, as well as all members of all committees affecting this motion.

Respectfully,

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To: Arts, Parks, Health Committee April 15, 2009 Agenda Motion 07-3494-S1 Submitted for written public comment the objection to the motion's wording which includes the subject of mountain biking on city park trails.

Specific objection to motion's wording:

The importance to reword and remove all city parks from consideration for mountain biking, and please reaffirm existing city ordinance prohibiting them on city park trails.

First and foremost consideration for public safety of children, families, hikers and equestrians who are majority users of city park trails. Also concerns for City of Los Angeles's liability pertaining to any vehicular accidents by mountain bikers with others using city park trails.

Taking into consideration as conservationists and environmentalists, the damage to the city park trails would be immeasurable and costly to the City of Los Angeles.

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