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**Date:** 4/13/2009 11:49 AM  
**Subject:** Mountain Biking

TO: The Los Angeles City Council

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

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

Respectfully,

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**Subject:** we must keep state park trails

safe for equestrians and horses....no mountain bikes....could cause serious scare to horses resulting in serious harm to rider or even death....ban mountain bikes on our trails

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While horseback riding, I have had close encounters with mountain bikers coming around blind curves downhill at a high rate of speed. Fortunately I was on a very seasoned horse who did not spook and toss me. However, we now have a younger horse who would spook and toss me--off a cliff or into a deep rocky v-ditch. I live in fear of encountering bikers.

If they are not prohibited from access to city park trails, I would find riding on trails shared by mountain bikers just too risky.

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