

From: "carol henning" <carolhen@sbcglobal.net>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 5:14 PM
Subject: LaBonge/Garcetti Mtn Bike Motion

Re: File #07-3494-S1

Dear Ms. Pulst: To others you have received, I add my own request that the above-referenced motion be reworded to remove ALL city parks, not just Griffith Park, from consideration for mountain biking off-pavement. I support the city ordinance that prohibits bicycles off-pavement in city parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Henning

From: Jill BN <jillbn@yahoo.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 5:25 PM
Subject: Fw: horses vrs mountain bikers

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> -Jill Nelson
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> 661-823-1114
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> Send your e-mail/public comment to the committee clerk,
> Erika.Pulst@
> lacity.org before 10am on Apr 15.
> Those of you that wish to respond, please edit this letter
> above add

From: Kenneth Knapp <bbigjohnusa@yahoo.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 8:07 PM
Subject: Re: horses vrs mountain bikers

> April 13, 2009

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> TO: The Los Angeles City Council

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

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- > 2739 Dalepark Dr.
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From: Tricia Lincourt <triciatoo@gmail.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 8:09 PM
Subject: Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1

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

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I do not feel that due to the speed of cyclists in the park, they are not compatible with most users of the park trail system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Patricia Lincourt
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From the email of Patricia Lincourt

From: <whoanancy@aol.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 9:17 PM
Subject: Keep trails safe for hikers, families and equestrians

I strongly encourage the banning of mountain bike use on trails in city and county parks. Bikes cannot be heard, and often cannot be seen in time to avoid a serious injury. The bikes are often ridden at high speeds coming downhill and they can not stop quickly enough to avoid children, adults or equestrians. The enjoyment of many users should not be jeopardized by allowing bike use on the trails. Please support the many people that enjoy walking the trails and protect them from possible harm from bike riders.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Camilla Fritze <equineqi@yahoo.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 9:38 PM
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Respectfully,

Camilla Fritze
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Malibu, CA 90265

From: Debby Miller <debm33@earthlink.net>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/13/2009 10:46 PM
Subject: trails

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We are scared of the bikers as they always spook horses even if the horses are desensitized to bikes. They appears suddenly out of no where. Horse trail are not safe if bikers are allowed to use the same trails.

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Respectfully,
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