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To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 3:44 AM
Subject: Keep Mtn. Bikes off city parks trails used by pedestrians, equestrians, hikers, and families

April 13,2009

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

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Respectfully,
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Date: 4/14/2009 7:38 AM
Subject: LaBonge-Garcetti Motion 07-3494-S1

April 11, 2009

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Date: 4/14/2009 9:00 AM
Subject: moutain bikes

Over the past twenty years, I have personally seen the potential dangers of mountain bikes on foot and equestrian trails. There is a very real danger of a fast bike coming around a bend and causing a horse or person to be hit or pushed down a steep ditch or mountain. I have even heard accounts from equestrians citing that a biker seemed to not care whether their horse became scared while decending a steep trail with a drop off on one side.

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From: Elizabeth Swenson <elaserbeth@gmail.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 9:49 AM
Subject: Mountain Bikes in City Parks

Clearly, this is an issue that is vexing to many. Frankly, I don't see the harm in mountain bikers sharing the trails with equestrians. I am an endurance rider, which means I am out on the trails a great deal (unlike the people who forwarded the e-mail about tomorrow night's meeting to me, who, incidentally, are people who rarely, if ever, mount up).

I have never had a problem with mountain bikers or even motocyclists and I have logged HUNDREDS of hours on the trails in and around Hansen Dam. If I hear motorcycles, (or my horse does - he often hears them before I do), I dismount and wait. Usually, the motocyclists see me before they are in shouting distance and turn around and head back the way they came.

As far as the mountain bikers, I ride WITH them. Bikers and horses together - what a concept! All the mountain bikers I know carry carrots with them when they go on the trails so as to ingratiate themselves to the equines. They are patient and willing to stop, get off their bikes, walk or wait until I pass. They are more considerate than most other horseback riders I have encountered on the trails.

Sure, some horses freak out about new things. It's the rider's responsibility to condition the horse. Lots of horses freak out about things like plastic bags. Doesn't seem like penalties for littering have curtailed the amount of ScArY trash out on the trails. Some horses freak out about boulders. So, are you going to ban rocks from Hansen Dam?

If we're going to get up in arms about who is out there creating problems on the trails, especially in Hansen Dam, let's focus on the people with off-leash pitbulls and the homeless population, who has nothing to lose by accosting an equestrian, mountain biker or hiker who is just out to enjoy nature and get some exercise.

The trails are for everyone. Let's encourage respectful use and a sensible hierarchy in terms of the right of way on the public trails.

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"If obesity is related to all these diseases, and we can prevent it, do we need to know why? Let's just stop overeating."

~ Leslie Bernstein, Ph.D., Epidemiologist, professor and director of the Division of Cancer Etiology, City of Hope

From: "Paula Parisi" <paula@paulaparis.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 10:42 AM
Subject: Dangers of Bikes on Horse Trails

April 14, 2009

TO: The Los Angeles City Council

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

I'm writing to express my concern about the following pending change to city ordinance regarding the use of bikes on horse trails. As a rider I am very concerned about the safety aspects of this.

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Respectfully,

--Paula Parisi

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From: "CHAPMAN, Jeffrey" <jchapman@audubon.org>
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CC: "lupe.m.vela@lacity.org" <lupe.m.vela@lacity.org>, "jill.sourial@lacity...."
Date: 4/14/2009 1:02 PM
Subject: Debs Park and Off-road Bicycles

Regarding File # 07-3494-S1

Dear Erika...

I am the director of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. This letter is in reference to file # 07-3494-S1 that will be heard at the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging committee meeting on April 15th. Due to a conflict, I will be unable to attend this meeting.

In Debs Park, the legally adopted Framework Plan currently excludes mountain biking as a use in the park and therefore this motion would be in contradiction to currently adopted ordinance, causing potentially unnecessary confusion among this user group. Audubon, with community members, CD 1 and CD 14 representation, and Department of Recreation and Parks staff, created a framework plan for Debs Park that was approved by the City Council in 2000. The plan is the guiding document for policies related to the park and was created to insure that the park maintained its character as an "urban wilderness". To that end, we strongly are opposed to mountain bike use in Debs Park, or any natural regional park in the city of Los Angeles. The framework plan strengthens existing city regulations prohibiting bikes on dirt trails in Debs Park.

The Audubon Center at Debs Park is an advocate for alternative modes of transportation, as a sustainable alternative to car travel. However, we respectfully ask that all regional parks, including Debs Park, be removed from possible off-road bicycle sites, in order to preserve the integrity of these precious resources. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jeff

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connecting people with nature

From: Debs Park Advisory Board <info@debspark.org>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
CC: <councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org>, <councilmember.garretti@lacity.org>, ...
Date: 4/14/2009 2:07 PM
Subject: Motion 07-3494-S1 - Mountain Bikes in Debs Park

Erika Pulst
ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

MEMBERS:
COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER JAN PERRY
COUNCILMEMBER JANICE HAHN

This messages addresses File No. 07-3494-S1 that recommends a new Bicycle Plan for the City. As members of the Debs Park Advisory Board, we strongly object to any mountain bicycle use in city parklands. Debs Park is protected by Council Motion CF# 98-1285, adoped in April 2001, which enacts into ordinance the Debs Park Framework Plan. The Plan expressly prohibits mountain bicycles on the trails.

We are including this matter in the agenda of our next board meeting on April 28 should it still be under consideration.

Michael Perez, Chair
Ann Walnum, Vice Chair
Martha Benedict, Secretary
Debs Park Advisory Board

From: Phil Martin <scepter01@hotmail.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 3:43 PM
Subject: LA City Council motion #07-3494-S1

Hi Erika,

I write to you as a mountain biking and outdoors enthusiast. I can't speak for all mountain bikers, but I know that I myself would be devastated to see a global ban on Los Angeles parks for mountain bike use. I was informed that the equestrian usergroup is attempting to mobilize and enact legislation which would effect the above change.

It seems that our user group is constantly under attack on all fronts for the alleged destruction of indigenous wildlife and also the physical danger we allegedly pose to other trail users. The mountain bikers I know are active in the outdoors community, respect the trails and their users, and regularly put in more than they take out of the karma bin.

I feel that the old adage "The squeaky wheel gets the grease" is very appropriate for this situation... we mountain cyclists have no grudge with the other trail users – however, apparently the relationship is one-sided. There has been a picture painted of mountain biking as a "black sheep" of sorts due to constant lambasting from other usergroups, but the truth is that as with everything there are a small number ruining it for everyone. Just as there are small numbers of hikers that litter on the trails, wander off the trails into natural habitats, and generally disrespect other users. The same can be said of equestrians. The only difference is that we mountain bikers are not campaigning to ban the other user-groups from enjoying the park system – there is no enmity.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter – I know that at the very least it has not fallen on deaf ears.

Take care,
Phil Martin
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From: Quinn Sullivan <rubberchicken66@sbcglobal.net>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 4:36 PM
Subject: mountain biking in city parks

Dear Erika,

I am writing this note in response to an inflammatory email that has been sent out in regard to making city parks off limits for mountain biking.

To say that I am irate at at the overly dramatic tone of this letter is putting it mildly.

I have watched time and time again, as people unwilling to share our parks and natural resources attempt to take away a sport that I love and enjoy:

For years I have ridden trails all over Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange Counties. I have traveled to Colorado and ridden in the beautiful Rockies.

I have ridden my bike in the beautiful orange dirt of Sedona, Arizona while looking up at mind blowing vistas that took away my breath and brought tears to my eyes.

I have done all of these wonderful things while mountain biking. It's a sport that challenges me both physically and mentally all while allowing me to escape the day to day grind and re-capture my spirit and feed my soul.

I have done all of this on "multi-use trails" with people just as passionate about them as myself. The only difference is they may be hiking or on horseback. We participate in 3 very different sports with the same goals at their very hearts. Fortunately, I very rarely see radical behavior and i know for a fact that the mountain bikers that I ride with always show the utmost respect for the other folks and animals on the trails, if for no other reason than the constant fear of having these trails taken from us.

I have no doubt that there are a handful of reckless idiots out there spoiling it for the rest of us. But for every selfish rider, there are hundreds if not thousands of us who are respectful of the land and it pains us to give up that small slice of heaven in our backyard that brings us peace. And don't forget the riders that show up for "trail repair days". The ones who groom and rake and shovel to fix and repair the trails that countless hikers and equestrians take for granted. I assure you that the irresponsible horse owner puts more wear and tear on the trail than bikes by taking his horse out onto the trail too soon after the rains, leaving deep, large horse prints for people to trip on.

It is possible to share the trails. It is done all of the country and all over the world. It belongs to All of us. Not just to those who bitch the loudest.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Sullivan

From: "John Duncan" <jduncan@hgmakelim.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 4:54 PM
Subject: 07-3494-S1

I just found out about the L.A. City Council meeting regarding mtn. bike use of Griffith Park and other parks. I am a mtn. biker and I have never put people in jeopardy. I feel these are unfair accusations and generalization of mtn bikers. Where are our rights at this meeting? Why was this meeting not put out for both sides to be represented? We are common people; we pay our taxes and vote in the elections. Are we not allowed to also use these parks? Or are the parks only for the special people, let's take a step backwards and say if you have green eyes you can not use the park. Are we not supposed to get along with one another, and work together as a society? I am sure things can be worked out, but to ban us is not fair. I certainly am going to pay close attention to this outcome. John Duncan, 11431 Asmusen, Norwalk, Ca. 906650

From: Nicole Possert <aguild@pacbell.net>
To: "erika.pulst@lacity.org" <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
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Date: 4/14/2009 5:07 PM
Subject: Re: File # 07-3494-S1 Off-road Bicycles in Parks

In consideration of this agenda item for Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee, I would like to go on record in support of the portion of the motion to remove Griffith Park from future off-road mountain bicycle use. I would ask that this Council Committee, the Transportation Committee and ultimately the City Council go further and include the removal of Ernest Debs Regional Park and all other Los Angeles Regional Parks from future off-road mountain bicycle use.

I would also ask that the internal city team who develops the City's new Bicycle Plan carefully involve Dept of Recreation and Parks and all of their Park Advisory Boards or other stakeholder groups (not just 'trail-user community representatives) when even considering the possibility of introducing this recreational use (mountain biking) into any City park.

There are current ordinances and DRP policies now, including the City-Council adopted Debs Park Framework Plan, that prohibit this use. Audubon Center at Debs Park made a multi-million investment to create an unique nature center and a gateway entrance to Debs Park and its hiking trails because of the urban wilderness aspect of this regional park. Those passive uses, walking, hiking, birdwatching and most importantly the education and connection to nature for young kids and their families are much needed in urban Los Angeles; mountain biking is not compatible with these uses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Mat Birnbaum <mat.birnbaum@gmail.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 5:19 PM
Subject: LA City Council Motion #07-3494-S1 "bikes on trails"

Hello,

I'd like to add my voice in favor of bikes on trails, cyclists have shown that they are valuable members of the outdoor recreation community. The riders I ride with ride in control and yield to hikers and equestrians. The Santa Monica Mountains are my local trails and most groups that I see maintaining trails, such as the Backbone, are mountain bikers. All responsible trail users can get along with ease.

Thank you

Mat Birnbaum

From: Jesse Broehl <jb@windpower-monthly.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 6:00 PM
Subject: Mountain bike ban -- BAD IDEA and UNWARRANTED

RE: Mountain bikes in city parks, LA County Motion # 07-3494-s1

To Whom it may concern,

I'm both a hiker and mountain biker in the LA area and it has come to my attention there could be some kind of curtailment of mountain bikes on the nearby trails. Its a rash, unwarranted and unfair idea. I doubt greatly this effort comes from a majority of trail users but rather from a disgruntled few.

When hiking the Santa Monicas with friends, I find mountain bikers to be a careful, controlled and generally courteous group always on the lookout for hikers. Maybe 1% are the exception and at worst they are startling but NEVER injury or life-threatening. When I do my own rides, I too stay in full control, never go too fast, and wear a bike bell to alert hikers. Most riders use a bell. It would be a HUGE travesty and purely unfair if mountain bikers were suddenly disallowed from multi-use trails. If traffic out there is any indication, they use the trails as much--if not more--than hikers or equestrians. Frankly, I don't care much for horses and their giant droppings on the local trails, but I would never consider pushing for their removal. The local trails are one of the gems of Los Angeles to be enjoyed by all.

Kind regards,

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To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 6:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: Mountain Bike Motion

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From: Sue DeVandry <sdevandry@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 14, 2009 at 6:01 PM
Subject: Mountain Bike Motion
To: ErikaPulst@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Pulst:

I am writing this letter to you in opposition to the motion being presented tomorrow regarding allowing mountain bikes in city parks.

I live in Granada Hills and O'Melveny Park is a large passive park enjoyed by this community. There are hiking trails that are too narrow for both bike and person to walk.

Please reconsider this motion and vote NO.

Thank you,
Sue DeVandry
Resident

From: Lisa Villegas <snuffypug@sbcglobal.net>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 6:20 PM
Subject: Los Angeles City Council Motion No. 07-3494-S1

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From: Cherrill Mann <mannmcherie@yahoo.com>
To: <Greig.Smith@LACity.org>, <Tom.LaBonge@LACity.org>, <Erika.Pulst@LACity...>
Date: 4/14/2009 6:28 PM
Subject: You managed an amazing feat

by establishing Griffith Park as an historic monument. I wish you could rest on your laurels, BUT, we must be ever vigilant:

Hence, I oppose mountain bike considerations in any of our parks, particularly those that are still fairly pristine, as is O'Melveny Park. Nor should engines/combustible fuels of any kind on any thing be allowed in our parks. (The safety/management crews I realize can't practically do this).

Please protect our parks. They're some of our most valuable resources.

Respectfully,
Cherie Mann
Friends of O'Melveny Park

From: Mary Ellen Crosby <mecpark@yahoo.com>
To: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 7:13 PM
Subject: Mountain Bikes in Park

Hello, my name is Mary Ellen Crosby, and I am writing this to you on behalf of myself. I am the park rep. for Granda Hills North Neighborhood Council and chairman of the Friends of Omelvey Park. I am opposed to the motion the way it is written. The motion number is 07-3404-s1 and I am opposed to mountain bikes in all city parks, especially Omelvey Park.

Thank you,

Mary Ellen Crosby

From: Alan Kilmer <arkilmer@yahoo.com>
To: <Erika.Pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 7:14 PM
Subject: RE: Equestrian response to Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1

To whom it may concern;

It has come to the attention of the southern California mountain biker community that a part of motion #07-3494-S1 is being protested by some Los Angeles area equestrians. As an avid trail user I would like to refute the claims made by certain equestrians. They would like to make it seem mountain bikers as a group are a dangerous element to the parks trail system with no regard for other users. I have found the opposite to be true while using the trails as both a hiker and a mountain biker. Mountain bikers have had some image problems in the past but have worked past them and have proven to be a responsible group. Of course there are going to be a few problem user within any group including hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians but none of these groups should be condemned because of the actions of a small percentage. The National Parks system has decided to expand access to trails to mountain bikers and I hope you do the same.

Sincerely,
Alan Kilmer
North Hollywood

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CC: <erika.pulst@lacity.org>
Date: 4/14/2009 8:03 PM
Subject: Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1

TO: The Los Angeles City Council
 Arts, Parks, Health & Aging Committee
 Transportation Committee

FROM: North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens Inc.
 RE: Los Angeles City Council motion #07-3494-S1

The North Valley Coalition of Concerned Citizens is opposed to Los City Council motion #07-3494-S1 as written. It must be reworded to include "ALL" city parks from future consideration for mountain biking not just Griffith Park, and it must reaffirm the existing City ordinance prohibiting them on city park trails.

One wonders where some councilmembers may have left their common sense. To expect a hiker to avoid or to defend themselves against a grown man and machine hurtling down a trail borders on the criminal. Imagine the chaos and carnage should one of these "mountain bikers" run into a small child or a group of children who often accompany their parents. Having had past experience with mountain bikers, it does not take a genius to realize that to let these people into a park where they will not stay on a trail even if it was designated for their use only, knowing that they will find other trails and other paths, and yes - because of their character and mindset they will be looking for the ever more challenging cross country excursions which will end up destroying not only flora and fauna but risking the lives of everyone who enters the City's parks.

Yours truly,
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Dear Erika Pulst,

I am writing to express my support for legalizing off-road trail access for mountain bikes in City of Los Angeles parks and open space. It is important that a change in the parks' policy regarding mountain bikes be reflected in the current update to the City's Bicycle Master Plan, and I urge you to consider the many parks throughout the city where mountain bike access is feasible and appropriate.

Allowing mountain bikes on park trails will fulfill a recreational gap in a densely built urban area, while allowing local advocacy organizations like Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) and Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) to develop mountain bike programs for children and teens, fostering in them a respect and appreciation for open space and undeveloped land that is accessible to be enjoyed by all. In many trail systems throughout the country, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians share trails with minimal conflict, and those models are the ones that the City of Los Angeles should follow. I urge you to join me in supporting open park trails for mountain bikers in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,
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Dear Erika,

(Please forward my comment to the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee members for the hearing on April 15, 2009. Thank you.)

Dear Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee,

I respectfully request that the City Council motion #07-3494-S1 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.

On top of the hazard that is caused by bikes sharing pedestrian and horse trails, at a time when the city budget is strained, how would these trails be maintained? Mountain bikes would cause even more damage to these trails.

Sincerely,
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