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Council File: Motion 07-3494-S1
 Position: OPPOSE

At the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council: The board voted (11 to 3) to **OPPOSE** Bicycle Advisory Committee proposal to expand Mountain Bike use on trails within the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks.

Public safety of children, families, hikers and equestrians who are majority users of city park trails should outweigh the needs of a few. There is no "Right" to allow mountain bikes on trails. (Marin v. Babbitt, 9th Circuit Court). There is a growing body of evidence that a single extreme mountain bike enthusiast can put numerous trail users at risk because of the speed. Hikers and equestrians, when faced with conflict begin to stop using trails. The end result is FEWER trail users.

We request the Council to please reaffirm existing city ordinance prohibiting bicycles on city park trails.