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To the Portland City Council:

I'd like to speak about Off-Road Cycling in Forest Park.

I served on the Forest Park Trails Policy Task Force in 1991–92. I believe that proposals for trail-sharing and expanded single-track cycling conflict with the environmental, recreational, social, and legal mission of the Park.

The goals articulated by that Task Force are now in the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan as the Trail Management Goals. They clearly argue against single-track bicycle trails and shared use of narrow trails.

Specifically, the high speed of bicycles compared to pedestrians, the noise and disruption of bicycles, and the trail degradation from bicycles all conflict with the stated goals of the park:

- Goal 1: Protect Flora, Wildlife, and Habitat
- Goal 3: Provide for Quiet, Reflective, Spiritual Experiences
- Goal 6: Minimize User Conflict
- Goal 7: Promote User Safety
- Goal 9: Protect the System of Trails, Roads, and Firelanes

Furthermore, illegal bicycle use on trails throughout the park has increased significantly in the 25 years since those goals were adopted, due to a nearly total lack of enforcement of existing laws and a resulting and growing sense of entitlement among many bicyclists. This can only be expected to accelerate if proposals in the Off-Road Cycling Master Plan are implemented.

I believe those I served with on the Forest Park Trails Policy Task Force would join me in urging you to resist the calls by a small but vocal group to expand off-road cycling in Forest Park—a unique wilderness within our city limits that merits special protection.

Thank you.

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**Parsons, Susan**

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Susan:  
I would like to speak during the public comment period on 1/17/18, regarding Forest Park.  
Thank you.  
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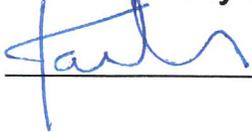
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