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Dear Councillor Crist:

I have appreciated your keeping in touch with the public with various exposures of injustices. Everything seems to come down to politics and economics. I realize that my husband and I have been feeling very worn down by the way politics and "economics" have been playing a part in ignoring the much bigger picture of what really is at stake in Mountain View Park. The LVCA hasn't exactly been supportive with one of the executive members telling me that "compromises" have to be made because Mountain biking is such a popular sport. But this park cannot take 60,000 and upward off-road cyclists a year on it. (This is what the numbers have been in a year at the Whistler Bike Park). "Build it and they will come", is the mantra of the nsmb.com bulletin board. I have also been told by a few mountain bikers, "When they tell us we can't ride in your park, then we won't." It's sounds quite simple, doesn't it? An easy problem to solve for our park. Just say, "NO" to the proposed plan. But to go ahead and "build it" will be opening our neighbourhood to more problems than District will be able to handle. I do not want 60,000 plus mountain bikers trekking in our park and neighbourhood. "Build it and they will come"---indeed! NO THANK YOU!

This is the proposed future of Fromme and our beloved park?

There has been mentioned that there is the Inter River Bike Park in the plans, and Cypress Recreation Ltd. also has a five year plan for a Bike Park. Do we need to go ahead with plans to systematically destroy the beautiful oasis of Mountain View Park in the meantime? My fear is that before my children's children are born (they are early and mid-teens now), Mountain View will be a parking lot. Is that the legacy the District of North Vancouver wishes to leave for future generations??

I feel we have been ignored in the process, and enough lies have been told in the Final Preferred Option of Mountain View Park Open House display, or obvious omissions, in order to sway the public to agree with what is a self-interest's group plan. To give positive credit where it isn't due, shows favouritism toward a group which caused problems in the first place. To ignore the neighbourhoods' offers of Stewardship for Protection and Restoration of Mountain View Park, is a type of "Gag response" in itself. I believe there is even a conflict of interest at work within the Parks Department at DNV, a staff member, who has been involved in this process. It is no secret, as this person went to the Province and North Shore Newspapers to report three very expensive mountain bikes stolen before Christmas. To ignore the fact that the Lynn Valley OCP states that Mountain View Park will soon "be a future Neighbourhood Park", shows that politics and economics and favouritism toward a self-interest group, have pretty much put that out of commission.

Mr. Crist, when we try to expose injustices and tell the truth, we get "gagged". Freedom of speech does get a "gag response" by those who wish to plug their ears and shout, "I'm NOT LISTENING-G-G-G!!!" in order to get their way anyway they can. My teenagers are most apt to use this response, and you know how unreasonable teens can be. I admire the way you stand up for the truth. Too bad the majority of our

leaders and certain "self-interest" groups don't.

Sincerely,
Monica Craver, for Stewardship of Mountain View "Neighbourhood" Park