

**From:** Joshua Zelmon

**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2020 2:40 PM

**To:** Clerk <Clerk@losgatosca.gov>

**Subject:** Los Gatos Town Code – Drones and Unmanned AircraO Systems Item 9

Hello,

Please see attached letter to Members of the Town Council.

Thank You,

Joshua Zelmon Santa Cruz MultiGP

August 18, 2020

Hon. Marcia Jensen and Members of the Town Council      via email: Clerk@los GatosCA.gov  
Town of Los Gatos  
110 E. Main Street  
Los Gatos, CA 95030

RE:      Los Gatos Town Code – Drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems  
         Item 9  
         Town Council Meeting August 18, 2020

Dear Mayor Jensen and Members of Los Gatos Town Council:

I am writing on behalf of Santa Cruz MultiGP, we are part of the international MultiGP drone racing league. MultiGP is the largest professional drone racing league in the world. Because of this, MultiGP hosts frequent competitive gatherings of pilots that consist of youth, college students, graduates, and all walks of life. Together we compete in a fun extensive network of MultiGP. The Organization currently has over 20,000 registered pilots and the sport is in high growth. Currently Santa Cruz MultiGP is working with our local High Schools and Colleges robotic and general makers clubs helping support STEM growth and aeronautics design. This sport is rich with tech and provides a very fun atmosphere for those interested in that pursuit.

in addition to 500 active chapters worldwide. MultiGP nurtures its Chapters by providing tools, guidance, and community support. Due to this structure, drone racing is fun, organized, and rewarding for pilots of all ages, Chapter Organizers, and spectators. All pilots are registered with the FAA and are members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

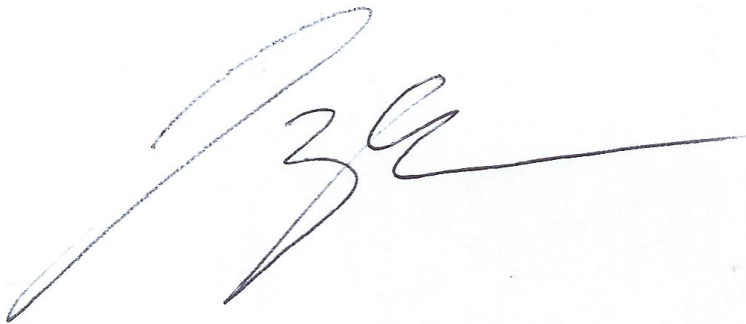
Our league welcomes pilots of all skill levels and ages. It is a community which is based on competitiveness, collaboration, and caring for one another—all in the great outdoors. Outside of MultiGP events, our members are active in our communities. Our Bay Area chapters have some of the best drone racers in the world. As you can imagine, finding space to fly is challenging. We utilized school fields when not in use by schools, parts of regional parks, and private property. We applaud and thank Los Gatos for considering the needs of drone racing and if we can hold events in the Town, you will not be disappointed. In addition, we would welcome an introduction to leadership of the school districts. Not only would we welcome holding races on school property but we would also be very interested in working with administrators and teachers on drone-related STEM programs.

We would be grateful if you pass your Ordinance on Drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems with provisions that would allow us to hold drone racing events in the Town of Los Gatos.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Zelmon, Santa Cruz MultiGP Organizer

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