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To: Town Council Meeting on 10/15/19 regarding "Beekeeping"
Date: 10/15/19

In regards to the city of Los Gatos' amendments to the ordinance regarding beekeeping, I'd like to add my personal comments and views on the subject. A few months ago we began to notice multitudes of bees flying around on our patio and a good many dead on the pavement. Then, around a month or so ago, my dog was stung three times, but I can only state with certainty that one of the stings was from a bee as we saw it on his leg. While walking along the side of our house on the sidewalk, my husband was stung twice by bees.

The inside of our living room window sill was covered with dead bees.

Our neighbor, Maleck, on Kingston told my husband that he had a bee hive. Our property is so very close to where he had his beehive that we had to stop using our patio and could not leave the door open any longer. We tend to the garden outside as a hobby and love spending time there for dinner and barbecuing.

Our neighbor has moved his bee hive and while I can still see many bees in my blooming trees, things seem to have calmed down for the moment.

As this has been a volatile and ever changing situation, I would like to encourage the City Council members to make a stronger commitment for exceptions to the new regulations should bees be a nuisance to a neighbor.

Thank you,

Carmen Rutlen