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From: Laura Levesque-Catalano <lauralevesque@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 10:47 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Bee zoning for downtown and commercial

Hello Louisville City Council,

I realize that tomorrow night, City Council will once more review the proposed ordinance for bee zoning to accommodate bees in the downtown and commercial areas. Being a concerned citizen and a bee keeper myself, I agree with this direction as there have been tremendous declines in our bee populations and colony health.

Anything we can collectively do to protect our delicate ecosystem is appreciated. There is overwhelming support from your constituents ~ as you witnessed during the December meeting. I urge your backing of the measure.

Thank you,
Laura Levesque-Catalano

From: [Beth](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Louisville Bees
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 7:23:31 AM

Good Morning—My name is Beth Conrey and I am the former president of the Western Apicultural Society and the Colorado State Beekeepers Association. I currently serve in several capacities for both national and regional pollinator organizations.

I have worked with Kristin Dean on this ordinance and it has been a true pleasure. Her professionalism reflects positively on your community. The ordinance has been well drafted. It brings common sense regulation to the beekeeping issue without being over-bearing or burdensome.

There are over 900 species of bees in Colorado. Managed honey bees are but one of them. Bees are the most beneficial insect on the planet. It has only been in the past 2 generations that we've become "scared" of them. Bees are not scary. Bees do not transmit disease. Bees pollinate our trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals and are responsible for much of what we find beautiful in our environment. Bees are also responsible for most of what we enjoy eating—and that is healthy and good for us.

Thank you for your vote to allow bees in the commercial area of Louisville.

Sincerely,

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