

Addendum to Coyote Sightings Survey.

The following 53 comments were all submitted by Mark Steinberg on July 8, 2016. Mr. Steinberg lives in the Oaks, near Griffith Park.

He began collecting them around October, 2014 and stopped on July 7, 2015.

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Reported Coyote Incidents and Sightings (as of 7/7/15)
Report # 1.—(email from a neighbor)

"I recently experienced a very disturbing coyote run in last month. A Sunday evening in early October my daughter and I came home around 830pm to find our beloved dog Banksy had been brutally attacked in our front yard. A neighbor heard the commotion and came running down to my place and actually saw the coyote running up the street. Very unfortunately Banksy did not survive. It was a devastating and shocking situation to come home to. There is a large empty lot beside my home and I have seen coyotes there several times. My yard is completely fenced so I always felt my dogs and family were safe but now we are very scared another attack will happen. I had a larger dog Luna that passed away in May and I think when I had two dogs the coyotes stayed away. I had also seen coyotes on the streets when walking the dogs. They were very brazen and would not back down."

Report # 2. - (email from a neighbor)

"This past Saturday evening at about 7:30 PM, one of my neighbors on Cheremoya let her two dogs out in her yard to relieve themselves. While the dogs were in the yard, a coyote grabbed the little dog and then attacked the big dog that was trying to defend the little one. The coyote then jumped over a four to four and a half foot fence with the little dog in its mouth, and bolted down the street. Fortunately, several of us saw what happened, and chased the coyote. The little dog was eventually

found in another neighbor's yard. The coyote apparently left the dog there and took off. The little dog was terrified, shocked and injured, but very much alive. He required stitches and is on medication. The big dog is okay.

There have been several other incidents like this recently in our neighborhood. One neighbor who lives at the corner of Verbena and Graciosa told me that she found the remains of a cat in her yard. A few weeks ago, that same neighbor saw a bobcat in her garden - and later had a coyote attack her dog in her fenced in yard at 7AM. It took a lot of effort by three adults to scare the coyote away. The dog required surgery, and has recovered. I also heard that a four year old girl in the Hollywood Dell was recently attacked by a coyote. The coyote scratched the 4 year old and tried to bite her while she was in her backyard. My husband has often been followed by coyotes when he walks our dogs, as have our neighbors. We all love living in the hills and we enjoy wildlife, but the coyotes and the cats are predators that are dangerous to us and our pets. The coyotes look particularly healthy and well fed this year. And, as I mentioned above, the one that snatched the dog on Saturday night was very agile. They jump fences and walls, and they are unafraid of people. And they are no longer nocturnal. It is not uncommon to see coyotes wandering around in broad daylight in the middle of the day. Everyone is afraid to walk their pets - let alone go into their yards."

Report # 3.—(Steinberg)

Last night, November 23, my wife and I were pulling up in front of our home at 10PM when two coyotes crossed the street in opposite directions, one jumping over the wall of the home opposite and the other running up the stairs of our home, then jumping over the wall of the house abutting us on the south. Ten minutes later I spoke with the owner of the property opposite us to point out where the coyote entered his property (a spot where we'd seen others enter and exit). As I played a flashlight on the wall, we saw a coyote staring out at us from the top of the wall, about 20 feet away. After a few seconds, it jumped into the neighbor's yard.

Report #4.—(email from a neighbor)

"We live up on Rutherford and have had quite a few coyote sightings in our yard recently. My wife and I think they're sleeping in our bushes. One of them is fairly large and healthy looking and has had no problem scaling a 6 foot fence when we're chasing him out of the yard. Fortunately, we don't have outdoor pets but we've stopped letting our 3 year old play outside unattended."

Report #5.—(email from a neighbor)

"[My neighbor] saw a yorkie get mauled and killed by a coyote in his next door neighbor's yard. The most recent attacks on my own dogs are cited below:

Coyote Attack Recently in Backyard (Incident occurred in August)
Approximately 90 days, my beloved Chihuahua Terrier was attacked in our backyard when she went outside to go the bathroom. Her entire head neck were grabbed by a coyote who came into our backyard. She and the coyote struggled and thank god her leather collar snapped and she was able to run inside. She sustained severe puncture lacerations to the neck, check, and torso. She survived, but is deathly afraid to go into her own backyard

Second Attempted Coyote Attack

I was walking my 2 dogs on Mountain Oak mid-morning and a coyote came out of the bushes and tried to attack my Wheaton terrier. I tried screaming at the coyote to run away, and finally after attempting to stand me down to get to my dog, the coyote finally took off."

Report #6-- (Steinberg).

In a November 25 conversation with our long-time mail carrier, whose route covers the "Oaks" area, he said he is having regular encounters with coyotes during his daily rounds. He also said that one of his

customers on Grammercy told him that while working one day in her fenced yard with her dog at her side, a coyote jumped the fence and made off with the dog.

Report #7.—(Steinberg)

On December 11, I spoke with a resident of a home in the 2100 block of Fern Dell Place ("Kim"). He told me he was recently walking his 91-year-old mother's dog at approximately 9PM. He turned away from the dog for a moment and a coyote came up from behind him, killing the dog on the spot.

Report #8.—(email from a neighbor)

“My wife and I live nearby at XXXXXX and we too have recently had alarming encounters with coyotes. I have lived at our property for over 20 years and I have never seen the condition as bad as it is now. Our home is completely gated and fenced in, yet somehow these monsters are able to come and go as they please. 2 years ago, our beloved dachshund was mauled right by our front door and thankfully she put up a long enough fight until I was able to fend off her attacker. She lost a lot of blood (the coyote bit into her jugular), but thankfully survived. And last Friday, while I was standing guard a few feet away, our other small yorkie schnauzer was attacked just as she walked outside. I screamed and kicked the coyote away and it didn't even seem to care. We rushed our sweet little dog to the vet and even though she almost lost her left eye, she too survived.

Honestly, if I hadn't been there and it had just been my wife, I fear the coyote would not only have taken our dog away, but may have endangered my wife as well. This is ridiculous. We are tired, frustrated and angry that we can't even feel safe inside our gated property, mere inches in front of our front door. My wife and I are both huge animal lovers and our instinct is not to harm any creatures, but something has to be done. Given the opportunity, we would vote for "population control" in a heartbeat.'

Report #9.—(email from a neighbor)

“I have recently lost a pet to a coyote attack just steps away from my back door. Singles and groups of coyotes run freely through our yard, even though it is fenced. They dig under the chain link, we fill it, they dig, etc.”

Report #10.—(email from a neighbor) “Over here in Beachwood Canyon, the situation is so dire that many of us have stopped allowing our children and dogs to access our fenced in yards unattended. We keep our dogs on leashes - even when in our own gardens. We dread taking our dogs on walks in the neighborhood for fear of encountering coyotes. Some of us have gone so far as to walk our dogs in groups with other neighbors in the hope we will be safer together. Almost everyone is now armed with some type of "weapon" when they go outside with their dogs. Last week, the big agile coyote that recently snatched a neighbor's dog was seen waiting in front of that same neighbor's house again - seemingly in an attempt to finish the job it had unsuccessfully attempted a few days prior. The same coyote also loitered on my driveway for a while. This all occurred in the morning during daylight hours. I joked with someone tonight that I feel like we are in the horror movie "The Birds" - only this version is called "The Coyotes.”

Report #11.---(email from a neighbor)

“Mark, last Thursday night about 10 pm, I heard a blood curdling yell on our front lawn. Sara, our lab, went berserk barking.

I ran to our glass front door (which has a decorative iron grill on it) and saw a coyote on the front lawn. I shook the door and the noise obviously rattled the coyote which ran back and forth trying to figure out how to get away. He finally ran down the front steps to the street. The noise was awful and I assumed the coyote had another animal. I think the noise I created frightened him away.

A week earlier, Sara was barking down in the corner of our backyard about 6:30 am and I could not get her back inside. I finally went down

to the corner of our fenced property and on the other side (reputedly belonging to an actor) was a coyote causing Sara to bark. I made a loud shout and the coyote ran away from the fence and deep into his property. It is not unusual for me to see coyotes walking around during the daytime in our neighborhood. I frequently see them when I am walking the dog. In the number of years we have lived on our property, we have had at least three occasions where a single mangy coyote has made himself comfortable sleeping on the chair cushions on the front terrace. At least then, when you called the city animal control officer, he did come here, capture the coyote and take him away because he was sick with mange. With more young parents moving into our neighborhood with young children and pets, how long will it be before some baby is attacked? Our neighborhood has lost so many pets who have been either killed or badly wounded by the coyotes in the past two years.. As someone who has lived at this address for 42 years, it seems the coyote population has multiplied. Why is the city being so passive about this coyote problem?

Report #12 (Steinberg)—report to Officer Dinh of sighting on January 14

“Roughly five minutes ago (5:42 PM), a coyote crossed about ten feet from me from the property across the street from our home to the property immediately to the South of our home, where we told you we believe a pack is in residence. I attempted to call you, but was not successful. Mark Steinberg”

Report #13—(portion of January 21 letter sent by a neighbor to Councilmember La Bonge’s office)

“...I have owned this home for many years and absolutely love our neighborhood. One of the many perks of living here is its proximity to Griffith Park and all the beauty it has to offer. While we have spotted wildlife while hiking on the trails and on rare occasions even on the city streets themselves, only recently have my wife and I and our pets been under "attack" inside our completely fenced in property. We can no

longer allow our dogs to have even supervised play in our own gated front or back yards as they have twice been brutally attacked right in front of us. The first time was a little over a year ago just inches outside of our front door and thankfully our dog was able to put up a fight long enough till I was able to free her from the coyote's jaw. Shaking and sobbing we rushed our dog to the pet hospital and many hours of surgery and many thousands of dollars later, our dog thankfully survived. We scanned our property's fencing for any possible small entry areas and found only one almost possible small access and immediately shored it up with additional materials. All was fine for many months until a few weeks ago when a vicious coyote started attacking both of our dogs while I was standing with them mere inches away from our kitchen door. Again, we don't face the street, this is **INSIDE** our gated property, several blocks away from the park. I screamed loudly which at least allowed our dogs an opportunity to escape but honestly the coyote barely moved. He seemed to have no fear of my 6 foot frame and simply held his ground and started to stare me down. I was too concerned about getting my bleeding dogs to the vet to figure out what happened to the coyote.... Thankfully, our dogs survived that attack as well, but at this point we feel we are prisoners in our own home and have to walk our dogs with leashes and a baseball bat within our fenced in property. We have these lovely sliding doors that lead to our back yard pool area, but we don't dare think about even opening them anymore in fear coyotes will come straight into our home.”

Report #14. (email from a neighbor on 2/3/15)

There was a coyote running up our street today at 10:44am, Spring Oak Drive, towards Park Oak. I was outside with my daughter. Nothing happened, it just run up the street. I don't see them during the day so much. I couldn't get a picture, it was gone too fast.

Report #15. (email from a neighbor on 2/4/15)

This morning around 06:45 there was a large coyote in the street in front of your [Steinberg] house. He moved on when I flashed him with my cell phone.

Reports #16 and #17---incidents on the evening of 2/15--reported by Mark Steinberg and neighbors.

#16 (Reported by Steinberg to Officer Dinh) Just went out to walk my dog (fortunately, on leash). Coyote was standing immediately across the street, about 15 feet away. He looked at us for a few seconds, jumped on the wall opposite our house, and was gone.

#17---(Reported by Mark Steinberg/Marjorie Steinberg to Officer Dinh on 2/ 28)
“Two coyotes just approached my wife in the street while she was walking our dog on a leash. Stood and stared, then sauntered off.”

Report #18—(Reported by Mark Steinberg to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres, Park Ranger)—encounter with coyote on February 21 by mother of an Oaks resident: “This afternoon I spoke with the mother of an Oaks resident who told me that earlier this week, while walking at dusk on Hill Oak Drive, a coyote passed within four feet of her. Mark S.”

Report #19—(email from a neighbor re a February 22 encounter)
“... my daughter and her boyfriend took the dogs for a quick walk at 7pm and saw two coyotes in front of Helen’s house. They just stared at each other and the dogs were oblivious. They turned around and came home.”

Report #20—(email from a neighbor on February 16)
I offer up this encounter: On Monday, February 16, at 7:25 a.m., on the extension of Canyon Drive about 200 feet inside the entrance into the Bronson Canyon portion of the Park, two coyotes were standing on the east side of the road next to the children’s playground, about six feet

from the road. Both looked very healthy and well-fed. I honked my horn several times, which startled them. One trotted a few feet farther from the road, and the other stayed put. I drove on (there were cars ahead and behind me), and I don't know how long they remained there.

Report #21—(email from a neighbor on February 18)

On 2/15 at around 10:30p, my husband and I saw 3 coyotes playing together on the roof of the garage of the house on W. Live Oak which is directly opposite your house. We were in a car, and stopped to observe them. They seemed oblivious to our presence.

Report # 22—Coyote on resident's porch (right hand side of picture)—December 15. The neighbor who took this picture sent the following email to me: "I too have had a number of alarming encounters lately. I actually awoke to one sleeping on top of the cover of my hot tub outside my bedroom a few weeks ago. It started biting the sliding door of my house and really frightened my wife. I've since seen the same coyote in my yard during the day on multiple occasions. Please let us know how we can help."

Report #22—(neighbor's report of February 18)

Neighbor Ruskey (two doors South of us) reports coyote on her front lawn yesterday AM. Large dog chased it off.

Report # 23--- (Steinberg exchange with Park Ranger Captain Torres on February 21-22)

" Sat, Feb 21, 2015 at 5:19 PM, Mark R Steinberg wrote: This afternoon I spoke with the mother of an Oaks resident who told me that earlier this week, while walking at dusk on Hill Oak Drive, a coyote passed within four feet of her. Mark S".

“On Feb 22, 2015, at 12:59 PM, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org> wrote: Thanks for the information. A lone coyote tries to loiter near ranger station in the early morning. He's small with an injured fore leg. After I scoot him away, I inform patrons to not feed him and the reasons why. Talk soon.”

“On Sun, Feb 22, 2015 at 1:02 PM, Mark Steinberg wrote:

Appreciate your note. Do you think he's actually heading fo[u]r or five blocks up the hill from the Ranger Station? Lots of houses and people around Mark”

“On Feb 22, 2015, at 1:28 PM, Albert Torres wrote: he was healthy and probably heading home for the day.”

Report #24 (Steinberg)—(March 9 report of hearing/sighting across my fence. Reported by text message with video/audio clip to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres):

“12:40 AM Monday, March 9

Saw the one [coyote] you'll hear [on the recording] across the fence about a half hour ago. He was about 20 feet away. Took several flash photos but it was too dark to get an image (he stayed put notwithstanding the flashes)”

Report #25—(Steinberg)---Reported by text message to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres on March 11.) “My cousin, who lives on Clayton Street near Sunset, told me this evening that on a Sunday morning two weeks ago she encountered a coyote near the Jewish Community Center on Sunset as children were arriving for Sunday School. The coyote continued in the direction of Sunset Junction.”

Report #26 (Steinberg—(Reported by text message to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres on March 14.)

“We just spoke again with our mailman, Richard, whose route covers the Oaks. He said that but for a brief respite during the recent cold/wet snaps, he continues to encounter coyotes in the streets in broad daylight.”

Reports # 27 and #28—(Reported by text message to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres on March 16.)

(#27) (Steinberg reporting call from neighbor) “I just received a call from our neighbor at XXXX West Live Oak. She said that her cat, a pet for the last eleven years, has been taken by a coyote.”

(#28) (Email from a neighbor.)

“Adrian the one with the big black fluffy dog took her dog outside onto the street to pee at 4am. [Per subsequent contact, I’ve learned that the dog was leashed]. She and [the dog were] then approached by 4 coyotes. She stood behind a car until they left. Her dog kept trying to chase after them.”

Reports # 29 and #30—(Text message from neighbor to Officer Dinh on March 25.)

“hello officer dinh

i have three reports from the Oaks:

(#29) March Friday 20th: Chuck on Verde Oak was cornered with two of his dogs by 7 coyotes at 9/10pm

(#30) same night I had the same pack outside my door on Live Oak West/Red Oak howling until a car came by and moved them away

[The third report mentioned is the same as #28, above] Adrian: mid march was out at 4am with her dog and confronted two coyotes [sic] on Park Oak terrace. Again, I don’t think going out past sunset or at 4am is a good time for walking your dogs while there are wild life out there doing their thing. all the best.”

Two month "gap" attributable to Steinberg unavailability

Report #31 (Email from a neighbor)

We see coyotes on a regular basis. Last week we heard the nearest and loudest coyote howls around 10:00pm. It was pretty scary.

Whenever we take our chihuahuas out we have to look outside the door to be sure it's coyote clear. Three months ago a coyote took my neighbor's chihuahua when he tried to walk it and his other dog got out of the fence. He turned around and saw the coyote running off with the little dog.

I think the only solution is to cull a few of them as they did a couple of decades ago. The coyote danger stopped for some 10 years. Coyotes aren't stupid-They know when their environment is too dangerous for them. Nickie wonders if neutering them would help. Even neutered coyotes eat small animals.

I think it's time for some drastic action to prevent the taking and eating of our beloved pets.

Report #32 (Steinberg)

On May 11 or 12, 2015, my son was in our back yard, in broad daylight, fixing an outdoor light. Our dog was within a few feet of him. A coyote emerged from the lower part of the yard and, before my son could act, put his head at a 90 degree angle over the neck of our dog. When my son began to scream at the coyote, he sauntered back to the bottom of the yard, then jumped the fence into Mountain Oak.

[Stopped taking reports for two weeks]

Reports #33 and #34 (report from a neighbor at intersection of West Live Oak and /Red Oak Drive.)

(#33) Coyote entered back yard at around 8:30PM on May 30 and attacked her dog, Frankie, inflicting wounds that required extensive vet repair (see picture below). The coyote was chased off by her other dog

(#34) On June 2 a group of four coyotes entered the same neighbor's yard, then jumped into, and "tore up," the neighboring yard.

Report #35

At 8:30 AM on June 3, while walking our dog on a leash on Live Oak Drive West, I encountered a coyote about 200 feet from our front door.

Report #36 (email from a neighbor on West Live Oak Drive)

Email to: hoang.dinh@lacity.org and Brenda Barnette

CC Mark Steinberg, Jack Ruskey

Hello,

Earlier today our yellow lab was barking at something on our front terrace. It appears that a sick coyote spent the night on the cushion and left his calling card. Approximately twenty years ago when another coyote spent the night on our terrace, animal services came out and trapped the coyote because it had mange. It was considered contagious to other animals (such as pets and possibly to humans). We were told sick coyotes prefer to sleep off the ground because they have little fur left and have been kicked out of the pack.

We have lived in this house on Live Oak Drive West for forty one years and I do not recall coyotes ever being so brazen as they have become recently. You see and hear them 24 hours a day. This episode on the front of our house we consider a public health hazard and we would appreciate your assistance in removing this diseased animal before it infects our other pets and wildlife. I must say we are getting weary of hearing all the things we as citizens should be doing about living with coyotes when we do your recommendations and yet it seems animal

services does nothing except repeat the same things again. When will you do something about the coyote invasion especially to remove this poor sick creature when he reappears on our front porch? We expect to hear from you sooner than later. Thank you.

(Report #36 continued):

Ms. Barnette's response to Mrs. Ruskey:

- Brenda Barnette Today [June 8] at 9:25 AM
- To nicole ruskey CC hoang.dinh@lacity.org, Mark Steinberg, Jack Ruskey, Mark D. Salazar, Armando Navarrete

In the case of a sick or injured coyote, we will trap the animal. Thank you for the information. A officer will contact you.

Report #37—(6/10 emails from a neighbor)

A couple of weeks ago a big coyote sat in the middle of the street daring Chloe [a Rottweiler] and me to walk by. Chloe was game of course, but I wasn't in the mood for a dog fight so I turned around and went home another way.

(follow-up email) Forgot to mention was right in front of your house... 7a.m.

Report #38—(6/15 emails from a neighbor)

A neighbor reported to me today that at approximately 12:15 PM , a coyote entered his fenced yard, possibly by crawling under the driveway gate. The coyote then attacked the neighbor's border collie, which escaped the encounter with a few scratches. A picture of the dog:

Report #39—(email and pictures from a neighbor on 6/15)

The pictures below were taken by one of our neighbors on Mountain Oak Drive. He reports that he was on the deck of his studio, a building adjacent to his home, at approximately 5PM on a recent afternoon, when a pack of five coyotes moved through his back yard. He was able to take

these pictures of several members of the pack before they exited his yard and moved on to the yard of his next door neighbor.

Report #40 (6/15 email from a neighbor)

Mark, a couple of days ago I caught a coyote in our backyard. I slipped out grabbed a couple of rocks but it went over the fence and then stopped midway through the backyard of _____ Mountain Oak. I tossed the first rock and it ran then the second ahead of its movement and into what must be a den ... Four adult coyotes and two pups ran all different ways through the next door neighbors yard. I called the next house over and heard that their dog came back with wounds a few days before and ____ said he was going to look for the den. I haven't heard further but I saw one coyote on a wall so they're still there.

Report #41 (6/23)

This morning I was walking our leashed dog on Live Oak Drive West to the south of our home. We were confronted by a large coyote in the middle of the street, and it would not recede. I turned to walk in the other direction and the coyote followed me. I then went into our house, deposited the dog, and returned to the street with a whistle. I scared off the coyote that had followed me, then turned, and was confronted by another coyote coming from the other direction. I went back into the house and stayed there.

Report #42 (7/1 from Mark Steinberg—XXXX Live Oak Dr. West)

About a half hour ago (roughly 12:50 PM) I spotted a coyote in our yard from a back window of our home. By the time I could secure our dog, grab my phone and whistle, exit through our front door, and run down to the yard, he was moving quickly through the ivy on the hill below the house. He ran under our pool deck and was gone. This is the second sighting of a lone coyote in our yard within the last two weeks. I've reported this incident to Officer Dinh and Captain Torres. Mark S.

Report #43 (7/1 from Mark Steinberg—XXXX Live Oak Dr. West)

At roughly 6:30 PM we heard dogs howling on Mountain Oak. My wife stepped onto our balcony that overlooks the yard to our immediate north. There she saw and photographed (see below) a coyote walking along a wall and sauntering elsewhere across the property.

Report #44 (7/2 email from neighbor in 2300 block of Live Oak Drive East)

Hi Mark XXXX_ forwarded me your map. A few weeks ago another dog got attacked in a neighbor's backyard. They live next door to ___ on Red Oak whose dog was killed awhile back. So you can add another one to your map. The neighbors believe there is a family with pups on the vacant hillside.

Report #45 (7/3 email to Officer Dinh)

ToHoang Dinh

CC ernie@paine-graeser.com kathshaw2233@gmail.com

virtualbob828@yahoo.com opheliac@icloud.com

alanheppel@gmail.com and 42 more...

Officer Dinh:

This afternoon (Friday, July 3), four coyotes approached a neighbor's dog in the 2300 block of Mountain Oak Drive. The neighbor was able to intervene and prevent the encounter from becoming violent. As I have now reported to you multiple incidents in the same concentrated area on Mountain Oak, I would like to know what action you will take, and how soon you will take that action, to address this immediate and growing threat. Mark Steinberg

Report # 46 (Summary of emails received on 7/4 from neighbor in 2200 block of Live Oak West)

After our dog and friend of 18 years was torn to pieces by coyotes on 9/15/2014, we rebuilt our fence as recommended by Animal Services. On the morning of May 20, 2015, my partner Tim heard crying in our back yard. He ran outside and saw a coyote attempting to drag our dog Bella out of the yard. Fortunately, the coyote dropped Bella before leaving the yard. Bella required seven stitches to repair the damage. On the morning of July 1, 2015, we were walking our new puppy near your home at XXXX Live Oak Drive West. We encountered three coyotes that looked like they were preparing to jump the tall brick wall of the home across the street from yours. One of the coyotes made it over the wall and into the yard. When we looked over the wall, we saw that a white bulldog had climbed on top of a mound of debris, with the coyote below. The two coyotes that had not made it over the wall ran down the street to the spot where Live Oak Drive West and Verde Oak Drive meet, about 100 feet from where we stood. They remained there for approximately ten minutes, as if they were waiting for us to leave so they could return and jump the wall. My partner continued to look over the wall until the coyote that was inside the yard had disappeared into the bushes on your neighbor's property. The two coyotes that had planted themselves in the street ran away as we walked towards them.

Report #47 (On July 5, I received an email and two audio attachments from a neighbor who lives in the 5800 block of Spring Oak Drive. Below is a portion of the email.)

I just sent you two video files that were only meant to capture the audio of a coyote howling/yelping very near our house tonight at 7:45pm. The audio doesn't make it sound like it was as close as it was. (Side note: We no longer feel safe even leaving our daughter alone in her bedroom with only the screen door closed, they are too smart for that, we have to close the main door too, which sucks. Our backyard butts up against the side of the hill with a ton of brush and we've had a coyote in the backyard in the past and have seen another right at the top of our wall another time.) We're really starting to struggle to enjoy our nice/expensive backyard/neighborhood. And we don't even have a pet! We're renters

and unlikely to be around after our lease it out, which is a shame because before all this we were considering buying in the neighborhood.

(July 9 email to full distro list from the same neighbor)

I'm the guy from the email Mark recently sent.

I don't feel comfortable letting my 3 year-old play in her bedroom by herself with door open to the patio, leaving only the screen door as protection. Maybe I'm a lunatic, but it makes me nervous. A thin screen isn't likely enough to keep them out if they want in. So now we leave the main, heavy door closed at all times. Which is a real bummer when you want to enjoy the weather. I took her for a walk to the park on the morning of Father's Day only to have two coyotes run out of the park down Canyon towards us aggressively. I had to pick her up and go home. It's sad.

Report #48 (Steinberg on Jul 6)

At 8:15 PM, while walking our (leashed) dog, we encountered a coyote in the middle of the street in the 2200-2300 block of Mountain Oak Drive. This is an area in which there have been multiple recent coyote incidents and sightings. The animal stood its ground until I approached within 50'-75' ,at which point he ducked into the bushes on the East side of the street.

Report #49 (Steinberg on July 7)

This morning, as I walked my dog, I encountered a coyote at the intersection of Live Oak Drive West and Mountain Oak Drive. As you will hear and see, I unsuccessfully used one of the Department's recommended "low intensity" hazing techniques to get him/her to move on. [Video is 2:37— labelled "Coyote whistle hazing 7-7"]

Report #50 (7/9 email from XXXXXX on Live Oak Drive East)

CC Brenda Barnette ernie@paine-graeser.com and 41 more...

We also have a concentration at Red Oak and E Live Oak Dr. Two dogs have been attacked in their backyards. One dog survived and the other unfortunately died. There is an empty lot off of East Live Oak where a pack of coyotes with pups live. They are often seen and are obviously dangerous.

Report #51 (Summary of 7/17 emails from neighbor at XXXX Mountain Oak Dr.)

A big coyote appeared in my back yard at about 4PM , roughly 25 feet below me on a hill adjacent to my property. He (or she) then moved to the deck in my neighbor's yard, where my neighbor's dog was killed several weeks ago. Another coyote appeared this morning on the street at 2200 Mountain Oak, where the street joins with Live Oak Drive West.

Report #52 (From neighbor's email of 7/21)

Back in March I believe. I was giving a dinner party and we could hear some horrible sounds of something being attacked... I had no weapons and just grabbed the first thing I could find - a Phillippe Starck juicer...I went out onto Verde Oak and a pack of coyotes was rounding the bend in my direction. For a brief second I thought "What the xxxx am I doing confronting a vicious pack of animals with a juicer? But I stood my ground made a tough "I will kill you" growl - fairly loud one (and I meant it) and stomped the ground - and they scattered in all directions. I heard this sound last week too - coyotes attacking something that was screaming and I yelled out "STOP IT!" and they quieted and one ran through my back yard - I went to stalk it and it ran - they know if you're coming after it.

Report #53 (Voicemail from neighbor XXXXXX on 8/6)

Mrs. XXXX reports that at approximately 10:45 AM a coyote crossed her path near the intersection of Verde Oak Drive and Live Oak Drive West.

I shall provide as an attachment to the email transmitting the survey a map of incidents as of mid-July, 2015.