The Empowerment Congress North Area and Development Council (NANDC) strongly opposes the Fee Hikes (CF-09-0969) increasing appeal fees currently under consideration by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of City Council. We find the recent proposals onerous and cost prohibitive and would silence community and stakeholder participation in the decision making process. NANDC by Board motion of October 5, 2017 based on the recommendations of the NANDC Policy Committee, and motion of the full Board at its duly noticed meeting by a vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, moved to oppose fees in excess of $200.

NANDC considers fees should be either approximately $100 as currently provided and, if increased, should be no more than approximately $200. To impose a fee for thousands of dollars for appeals on environmental grounds is not in keeping with the environmental goals of our community; nor would permit for stakeholder participation in the decision making process; nor achieve sound environmental goals.