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**Fwd: Council File 09-0969**

10 messages

**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 9:52 AM

To: Brian Walters &lt;brian.walters@lacity.org&gt;, Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

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From: "Robyn McNutt" &lt;robyn.mcnutt@gmail.com&gt;

Date: Feb 14, 2018 8:12 AM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: &lt;holly.wolcott@lacity.org&gt;

Cc:

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969 Agenda

Date: Feb. 14, 2018

My name is ROBYN MCNUTT and I strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create. I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents. Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. A proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come). Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong. Stop stealing money from residents to fill your own coffers and try and silence us. MAYBE THIS ISSUE SHOULD GO TO THE POLLS TO BE VOTED ON?? City council should be ashamed and should stop making rules up as they go along. STOP THE MADNESS, WE WILL RESIST!!!

Sincerely,

Robyn McNutt

32 year resident of Mar Vista

**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 1:52 PM

To: Brian Walters &lt;brian.walters@lacity.org&gt;, Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

Please and thank you.

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From: "Bernie Eisenberg" &lt;be1310@gmail.com&gt;

Date: Feb 14, 2018 1:29 PM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: &lt;holly.wolcott@lacity.org&gt;

Cc:

Please place this letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.

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Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

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Sincerely,  
Bernie Eisenberg

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Holly Wolcott <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 2:11 PM

To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>, Brian Walters <brian.walters@lacity.org>

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From: Sandy <sanlark@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 2:09 PM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: holly.wolcott@lacity.org

*Please place the attached letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.*

*To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees*

*Re: Council File Number: 09-0969*

*Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018*

*I, Sandra Kastendiek, strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.*

*I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.*

*Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. A proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come).*

*Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong.*

*I have been a resident in the same home for 57 years. I attend the regular meetings of our Association, and am very disappointed to hear of this impending fee.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sandra Kastendiek*  
Ashwood Avenue  
90066

3525  
Los Angeles, CA

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**Holly L. Wolcott**

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To: Staci Roberts <[staci.roberts@lacity.org](mailto:staci.roberts@lacity.org)>, Brian Walters <[brian.walters@lacity.org](mailto:brian.walters@lacity.org)>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 3:08 PM

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From: **Jody Labb** <[jrlabb@gmail.com](mailto:jrlabb@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 2:29 PM  
Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)

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To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees  
Re: Council File Number: 09-0969  
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Jody Labb strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create. I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

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costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong.

Sincerely,  
Jody Labb

Sent from my iPhone

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## Holly L. Wolcott

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To: Staci Roberts <[staci.roberts@lacity.org](mailto:staci.roberts@lacity.org)>, Brian Walters <[brian.walters@lacity.org](mailto:brian.walters@lacity.org)>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 5:51 PM

Please and thank you.

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From: "Saeed Netscape" <[saeedmaliali@netscape.net](mailto:saeedmaliali@netscape.net)>  
Date: Feb 14, 2018 4:51 PM  
Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: "Holly Wolcott" <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>  
Cc:

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To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

I strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.



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Sincerely,

Saeed Ali

2554 Lincoln Bl., # 186, Venice CA 90291. 310.493.0959

Sent from my iPhone

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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 5:51 PM

To: Brian Walters <brian.walters@lacity.org>, Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

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From: "Jack Macmillan" <Century37@hotmail.com>

Date: Feb 14, 2018 5:20 PM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: "holly.wolcott@lacity.org" <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Cc:

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File # 09-0969

Agenda Date: 2/14/2018

John Macmillan strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A.City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual cost of living increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. The proposal to jack up the fee to &13,538 is a slap in the face to those who believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders ~ which has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair group.

Not only have the residents made the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city!

Sincerely,

John K. Macmillan Pharm.D.

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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:17 PM

To: Brian Walters <brian.walters@lacity.org>, Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

Please and thank you.

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From: **Cindy Mattson** <pccmboo1992@verizon.net>  
Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:10 PM  
Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: holly.wolcott@lacity.org

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

I, Cindy Mattson, strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

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Sincerely,  
Cindy Mattson

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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:18 PM

To: Brian Walters <brian.walters@lacity.org>, Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

Please and thank you.

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From: **Holly Tilson** <rhubarb999@aol.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:13 PM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: holly.wolcott@lacity.org

Please place the following letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

I strongly oppose any proposal to increase the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals. I have participated in an appeal and the whole process is set up to discourage most residents of LA as is. Average citizens, whom the city is suppose to represent, besides paying property taxes have to dig deep into their own wallets to fight the various government offices that are suppose to be looking out for our best interest and abiding by current law. Besides the appeal fee, there are hundreds even thousands of dollars of copy costs that have to be paid. Citizens have to submit paper where as developers can submit a zip drive of scan documents. In my experience, documents with deadlines are hidden, and unless you know they exist and are assertive about obtaining them, they show up after the fact. Citizens end up hiring land use lawyers just to guide them through the process and to counter the lawyers the developers have on retainer. The appeal process already costs the person(s) filing the appeal thousands of dollars not including time off work to attend multiple hearings which are an all day affair.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee with an annual COL increase instead. If you follow this course of increasing the fee you will be telling the residents of LA to shut up, we don't need or want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Holly Tilson  
3527 Greenwood Ave.  
Los Angeles CA 90066

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Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:18 PM

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From: **PAUL MATTSON** <[PAMATTSON@hotmail.com](mailto:PAMATTSON@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:14 PM  
Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: "holly.wolcott@lacity.org" <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

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I, Paul Mattson, strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

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Sincerely,  
Paul Mattson



**Holly L. Wolcott**

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To: Staci Roberts <[staci.roberts@lacity.org](mailto:staci.roberts@lacity.org)>, Brian Walters <[brian.walters@lacity.org](mailto:brian.walters@lacity.org)>

Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 5:26 AM

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From: "Sindy" <[sindywei@gmail.com](mailto:sindywei@gmail.com)>  
Date: Feb 15, 2018 12:08 AM  
Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>  
Cc:

Please place the attached letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

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I, Sindy Wei, strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

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Sincerely,  
Sindy Wei



Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

## Fwd: Appeal fee increase

1 message

**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:36 PM

To: Brian Walters <brian.walters@lacity.org>, Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

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From: **Nikki Sanoff** <nikki@nikkisanoff.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:34 PM

Subject: Appeal fee increase

To: "holly.wolcott@lacity.org" <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Nikki

Sanoff adamantly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create. I am aghast over the proposed action

of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents! Any jump in the fee, let alone the egregious amount of \$13,449 you

propose, will significantly a citizen's right to petition the government. This is an outrageous and unacceptable abuse of power, a hard slap in the face of those of us who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and a more just entity (with more improvements still to come).

Not

only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their city taxes. What's next? Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books, as well? Of course not! And this

is equally inequitable and wrong. You're supposed to represent buy voice so hear this: don't you dare pass this measure!

Nikki

Sanoff

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2/15/2018

City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: Appeal fee increase

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**John Stern**  
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jstern47@hotmail.com

22:10

Subject: Council File 09-0969  
To: [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)

Please place the attached letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees  
Re: Council File Number: 09-0969  
Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

I strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. The proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come).

Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to your response and thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

John Stern

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees  
Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

I, Margaret Hosier, strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

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Thank you for your time.

Regards

Margaret



Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

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**Fwd: Proposed appeal fee increase. Council File #09-0969**

1 message

**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 3:08 PM

To: Brian Walters &lt;brian.walters@lacity.org&gt;, Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

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From: **Hal Printup** <h.printup@verizon.net>

Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 2:32 PM

Subject: Proposed appeal fee increase. Council File #09-0969

To: holly.wolcott@lacity.org

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

As a 75 year resident in the City of Los Angeles, I, Harold Printup, strongly oppose any proposal for inequitable increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals.

I urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

This extreme jump in the fee will reduce the ability of ordinary citizens to petition the government. A proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come).

Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city.

Sincerely,

Harold Printup

Hal Printup  
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**Fwd: Council File 09-0969 Item 1**

1 message

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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 10:05 AM

To: Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;, Brian Walters &lt;brian.walters@lacity.org&gt;

Please and thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Arnold Newman" &lt;rain.forest@earthlink.net&gt;

Date: Feb 14, 2018 9:46 AM

Subject: Council File 09-0969 Item 1

To: &lt;holly.wolcott@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: "Marian A Dodge" &lt;chairman@hillsidefederation.org&gt;

Dear Mr.Wesson &amp; Council Members,

Our constituency implores you to keep land use non-applicant appeals fees at their current AFFORDABLE rate of \$89.

It is clear that increasing the rate would be used by developers to dissuade community applicants from filing.

Thank you for your consideration in this crucial matter,

Arnold Newman, President,  
The Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners Assn.

From: "Jeanne Clark" <[jmclark628@gmail.com](mailto:jmclark628@gmail.com)>  
Date: Feb 14, 2018 6:23 AM  
Subject: City Council File 09-0969  
To: "[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)" <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>  
Cc:

Dear Councilmembers,  
In reference to today's above agenda item.

Please be advised that I oppose any increases to non-applicant appeal fees. I strongly recommend the City council retain the \$89 non applicant appeal fee.

Jeanne Clark



Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

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**Fwd: CF 09--969 Fight Bad Planning and Design**

1 message

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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>  
To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 10:05 AM

Please and thank you.

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From: "Donnal Poppe" <donnalpoppe@yahoo.com>  
Date: Feb 14, 2018 8:53 AM  
Subject: CF 09--969 Fight Bad Planning and Design  
To: "holly.wolcott@lacity.org" <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>  
Cc:

**Donnal Poppe**  
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**From:** Coalition to Preserve LA <neighborhoodintegrity@gmail.com>  
**To:** donnalpoppe@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:45 PM  
**Subject:** Alert: Don't Let LA Charge you \$13,583 to Fight Bad Planning and Design

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)

Please place the attached letter in Council File 09-0969. Thank you.

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969

Agenda Date: Feb. 14, 2018

My husband and I strongly opposes any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great



inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create.

I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents.

Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. A proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders -- the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come).

Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong.

Sincerely,

Mike langston

Donnal Poppe



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**Holly Wolcott** <holly.wolcott@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 9:52 AM

To: Brian Walters &lt;brian.walters@lacity.org&gt;, Staci Roberts &lt;staci.roberts@lacity.org&gt;

Please and thank you.

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From: "Robyn McNutt" &lt;robyn.mcnutt@gmail.com&gt;

Date: Feb 14, 2018 8:12 AM

Subject: Council File 09-0969

To: &lt;holly.wolcott@lacity.org&gt;

Cc:

To: City Council President Herb Wesson, the City Council and its Committees

Re: Council File Number: 09-0969 Agenda

Date: Feb. 14, 2018

My name is ROBYN MCNUTT and I strongly oppose any proposal for large increases in the appeal fees charged for planning and land use appeals, due to the great inequity and barriers to transparent and even-handed government that large fees create. I am extremely concerned over the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee and urge the L.A. City Council to stay with the current fee of \$89 with an annual COL increase, which is already beyond the reach of many of the city's residents. Any jump in the fee will reduce the ability of citizens to petition the government. A proposal to jack up the fee to \$13,538 is a slap in the face of those who practice or believe in healthy civic questioning of our elected leaders – the very kind of questioning that has made the City Council a better, smarter and more fair entity (with more improvement still to come). Not only do residents make the City Council a better governmental body, but residents of LA are already covering these costs through their taxes to the city. Are you planning on putting a huge surcharge on library books as well? Of course not. And this is equally inequitable and wrong. Stop stealing money from residents to fill your own coffers and try and silence us. **MAYBE THIS ISSUE SHOULD GO TO THE POLLS TO BE VOTED ON??** City council should be ashamed and should stop making rules up as they go along.

**STOP THE MADNESS, WE WILL RESIST!!!**

Sincerely,

Robyn McNutt

32 year resident of Mar Vista

2/14/2018

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Sincerely,

Andrée Armand  
808 Crestmoore Place  
Venice, CA 90291



Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>

**Fwd: Comments on Item #1 on Today's City Council Agenda**

2 messages

**Gloria Pinon** <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>  
To: Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>  
Cc: Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

Staci, please see below email.

**Gloria Piñon**  
**Office of the City Clerk**  
Tel. (213) 978-1022  
Fax (213) 978-1027  
Mail Stop #160-01



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Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 11:01 AM  
Subject: Comments on Item #1 on Today's City Council Agenda  
To: [CityClerk@lacity.org](mailto:CityClerk@lacity.org)

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Please distribute this email to the Councilmembers at today's meeting (if possible), and include it in the record for Council File 09-0969.

Regards,



**Dean Wallraff**  
 Attorney at Law, Executive Director  
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Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

To: Alan Alietti <alan.alietti@lacity.org>, Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>, Erika Pulst <erika.pulst@lacity.org>, Staci Roberts <staci.roberts@lacity.org>, Gloria Pinon <gloria.pinon@lacity.org>

Please see email below.

Staci, will you be placing a copy for Councilmembers in their mailbox?

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**Anna Martinez**

**Office of the City Clerk**

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**Fwd: City Council File No. 09-0969 - place in file! RETAIN \$89 FEE**

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Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 1:09 PM

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From: **Nancy SOGOIAN** <cellbroker@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 12:06 PM  
Subject: City Council File No. 09-0969 - place in file! RETAIN \$89 FEE  
To: holly.wolcott@lacity.org

Regarding City Council File No. 09-0969, I AM URGING THE CITY COUNCIL TO RETAIN THE NON-APPLICANT APPEAL FEE AT \$89.

Please place this in the City's File!

Thank you,

Nancy Sogoian  
14014 Hartsook St.  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

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**Holly L. Wolcott**

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Phone: [213-978-1020](tel:213-978-1020)

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