

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The July 26, 2017 report from the Office of the City Administrative Office recommended a full cost recovery fee for planning and land use appeals of \$13,538. Alternatives proposed were \$155 and \$271. The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Opposes any significant increase in non-applicant fees for planning and land use appeals.

The ASNC opposes a fee increase to \$13,538 for planning and land use appeals.

Any significant increase would serve as a financial barrier for the average resident. A significant increase would limit fair access to due process, suppress community involvement and have a negative impact upon the quality of planning and land use decisions.

The ASNC opposes any increase to a fee greater than \$271 for immediate neighbors. Immediate neighbors are the most greatly impacted by development and these are the people for whom access to due process is most essential. A higher fee would present an financial barrier to a private resident who may lack the resources of a well-financed developer.

The ASNC recommends that if there are gradations in fees based on residents living within a certain distance from the project, the ordinance/fee schedule should also make allowance to Neighborhood Associations or non-profit organizations with a member residing within such distance to qualify for those same fees, so as to provide an equal playing field with well-funded developers