

Communication from Public

Name: Glassell Park Improvement Association

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Appeal Fee Increase

The Glassell Park Improvement Association **opposes** the proposed appeal fee increase as recommended by the City Administrative Officer.

The recommendation to raise the fee for an individual or community group to file a non-applicant appeal from its current \$89 to over \$16,000 is an obvious and cynical attempt to silence any opposition to planning decisions by members of the community. Moreover, this increase would disproportionately impact lower income communities and communities of color that have traditionally been disenfranchised from the City land use process while being at the effect of its decisions.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association requests that the appeal fee remain at \$89, not \$158 and certainly not \$16,000. We further request that community groups and non-profits not be charged any fee to appeal a City planning decision.

The Glassell Park Improvement Association was founded in 1968, and is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in Los Angeles. Our founders described our mission as advocating for quality of life issues and working to improve conditions in Glassell Park. As such, our Board of Directors have voted and approved sending this statement on behalf of our members.

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