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April 6, 2021

Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
City Hall, Room 1010  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Proposed Administrative Appeal Fee Increase – OPPOSE  
Council File 09-0969-S**

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson and PLUM Committee Members:

The Board of ADCCLA is writing to oppose the proposal to increase the non-applicant appeal filing fee from \$89.00 to \$16,097.00 as recommended by the CAO. In the midst of a pandemic and astronomical jobless claims, it seems cruel and improper to wield such an assault on the citizens of Los Angeles.

We also oppose the Planning Department's offering of a \$158 Fee adjustment. The current \$89 administrative fee is already high enough to make ordinary stakeholders think twice about filing an appeal. Doubling the fee is again an attack on equity. Additionally, it is not lost on most that the CAO's offering appears to be designed to make the \$158 fee more palatable. It is not.

Non-applicant land use appeals are the penultimate vehicle used by stakeholders to challenge land use decisions we believe will be truly detrimental to our community and to the City as a whole. They are the check-that keeps our system in balance. By raising the appeal fee, and by trying to slide it under everyone's radar, it appears our public servants seek to silence the very people they are supposed to represent and serve.

Please reject this fee increase.

Respectfully,

Todd Terrazas  
President