

Communication from Public

Name: Pacific Palisades Community Council

Date Submitted: 03/26/2021 05:12 PM

Council File No: 09-0969-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Members of the PLUM Cmtee: Please see attached letter from Pacific Palisades Community Council, opposing the proposal by the City's Administrative Officer to increase the land use decision appeal fee to the discriminatory amount of \$16,097. We respectfully urge the Cmtee members to reject this proposal. Chris Spitz Secretary, Pacific Palisades Community Council



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 26, 2021

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM)
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo, Vice-Chair; Hon. Bob Blumenfield, John Lee and Mark Ridley-Thomas, Members, PLUM

Via email to each member and submission to the Council File public comment portal

Re: Council File 09-0969-S3 – OPPOSE proposal to increase land use decision appeal fee to \$16,097; hearing 4/6/21

Dear Chair Harris-Dawson, Vice-Chair Cedillo and Members Blumenfield, Lee and Ridley-Thomas:

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We urge the PLUM Committee to reject the proposal of the City's Chief Administrative Office to raise the appeal fee as referenced above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Card

David Card, Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of LA
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

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¹ This will become an adopted WRAC position if and when it is passed by a majority (8) of WRAC member councils. To date, 6 councils (including PPCC) have passed the motion or a modified version opposing the proposed fee increase (<https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>).

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