

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

Date Submitted: 05/03/2021 10:14 AM

Council File No: 09-0969-S3

Comments for Public Posting: The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), an alliance of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, opposes the proposed massive appeal fee increase for land use decision appeals, which would leave all but the wealthiest of Angelenos with no means to appeal even the most egregious of land use decisions. Please see the attached letter for the full position of WRAC.



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Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
Pacific Palisades Community Council
North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

May 3rd, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, President, Los Angeles City Council
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair, Planning & Land Use Committee
Hon. Paul Koretz, Councilmember, CD 5
Hon. Mike Bonin, Councilmember, CD 11

Re: **CF 09-0969-S3**

Dear City Council Members:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is an alliance of fourteen Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Angeles, located in CDs 5 and 11 and portions of CDs 4 and 10.

Many Westside Neighborhood and Community Councils have expressed concerns about the pending motion that includes a massive increase for Planning and Land Use appeal fees. While we respect the need for certain items to meet the cost recovery threshold, fees that increase to this degree leave all but the wealthiest of Angelenos with no means to appeal even the most egregious of Land Use decisions. Therefore, please accept the following adopted position in opposition:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes the proposal by the City's Chief Administrative Officer (Rich Llewellyn), to raise the fee for a citizen (or a community group, such as an HOA) to file an appeal of any city land use (or Building & Safety) decision, from the current \$89 to the discriminatory amount of \$16,097. This amount that has no basis in reality will prohibit the majority of stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles from having meaningful access to any city land use appeal procedure

The language of the motion has been approved by the following WRAC member Councils:, Neighborhood Council Westchester/Playa, Westside Neighborhood Council, Brentwood Community Council, Pacific Palisades Community Council and Westwood Neighborhood Council. Modified versions that maintain the spirit of the above motion have been passed by Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Mar Vista Community Council.



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No member Councils have opposed this measure or submitted a minority letter to accompany this position.

Please contact me with any questions regarding the above motion.

Sincerely,

Matt Wersinger, Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
C 310.721.2980

Communication from Public

Name: Adam Daneshgar

Date Submitted: 05/03/2021 07:52 PM

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May 3, 2021

Attention: PLUM Committee
Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: COMPREHENSIVE FEE UPDATE (CF 09-0969-S3)

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Thank you for your consideration of this item.

Kind regards,

GCS EQUITY LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By:  _____

Name: Adam Daneshgar

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GCS PALMS LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

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GCS EMERALD LLC,

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