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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/10/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/11/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 09-0969-S3

Agenda Date: 03/10/2021

Item Number: 11

Summary: The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposal to increase the current fee of \$89 payable by a non-applicant in order appeal a development determination to \$16,097 as well as the alternative increase to \$158. It dismays our board and community to know that there are those in the City who persist in efforts to eliminate participation by residents in our democratic process. Individuals and organizations from around the city have contributed years of participation and we thought the issue had been settled by the public outcry the last time the Chief Administrative Officer recommended this type of dramatic fee increase (in 2017-18 to \$13,358).



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Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

To: Los Angeles City Council  
Land Use Management Committee

Re: **Opposition to proposed fee increase from \$89 above for appeal by non-applicant  
Council File #09-0969-S3**

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council and Planning Land Use Committee,

At its regular meeting on March 10, 2021, the Board of the P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council voted 19 to 1 in support of this Community Impact Statement:

The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council requests that the PLUM committee of the Los Angeles City Council readopt the fee schedule filed by the Planning Department on December 2, 2020 (the only fee schedule noticed even minimally) except that the amount for appeals by a nonapplicant should remain at \$89, not increased at all, and under no circumstances be raised to \$16,097 proposed by the Chief Administrative Officer.

The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposal to increase the current fee of \$89 payable by a non-applicant in order appeal a development determination. The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council is particularly opposed to the proposal filed as part of the Report of Chief Administrative Officer Richard Llewelyn to increase this fee to the prohibitive and onerous sum of \$16,097 both substantively and as a matter of notice and process.

It dismays our board and community to know that there are those in the City who persist in efforts to eliminate participation by residents in our democratic process. Individuals and organizations from around the city have contributed years of participation and we thought the issue had been settled by the public outcry the last time the Chief Administrative Officer recommended this type of dramatic fee increase (in 2017-18 to \$13,358).

Instead, the Planning now comes back with a significant fee increase (to \$158) between Thanksgiving and New Years in a new file and provides little to no outreach or notice. More than 2 months after the proposed increase to \$158 was filed, the Chief Administrative Officer, without any notice or outreach of any kind, filed a report proposing to increase the fee from \$158 proposed by Planning (over \$89) to \$16,097, a number that shocks the conscience. This proposal is tantamount to shutting residents and community groups out of the appeals process.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Kane  
President  
PICO Neighborhood Council