

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File No. 09-0969-S3 The City of Los Angeles now proposes to enact an ELITIST, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC POLICY that would raise the fee to \$16,000 for a working class neighbor to appeal a burdensome project that will destroy their quality of life and cause them direct harm!!! The \$89 fee is already out of reach for working class and low income families. What you are proposing to do strikes at the very core of a free democracy, allowing only the highly resourced developers to afford \$16,000 to appeal a land use / planning determination. This is unconscionable. Even a previous proposal to raise the fee to \$158 was an extreme burden on working class and low income families. Shame on any councilmember or City official who supports enactment of the proposal to raise the appeal fee by anything more than a minimal cost of living increase.