



## **North Hollywood Northeast Community Impact Statement**

***OPPOSE: [Council File: 09-0969-S3](#)***

***Comprehensive Fee Update***

**April 14, 2021**

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council OPPOSES Council File 09-0969-S3, in which the City Council is proposing, at the suggestion of the Mayor, that the Appeal Fee, charged to members of the community and community organizations, which is currently \$89.00 (already beyond the reach of many of the City's residents), be increased to the amount of \$16,097, for the reasons stated below.

The Department of Planning, at the request of the Mayor, did a cost analysis report regarding recommendations for fee increases to shift burden from the General Fund to a cost capture calculation that would cover the costs of the services provided. In that report, the Department of Planning recommended a fee increase from \$89 to \$158, which would be a small percentage of the cost of processing an appeal, which costs are paid from the General Fund (which is taxpayer funded).

Instead, the City Council and specifically the PLUM Committee, has recommended and proposed that the fee be increased to more than \$16,000. This is a transparent attempt to quash any public discussion, public participation and access to the land use and planning processes in our City, and in the decision making that directly affects everyone's local neighborhood and planning area. Such an increase would also most disproportionately silence communities of color that have been historically disenfranchised from the land use planning process and have borne decades of land use decisions that have further marginalized their communities.

For all the reasons above, and the policy of attempting to silence the community and those whose rights would be lost in the land use planning process, The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council OPPOSES any such proposed fee increase which is already subsidized by the taxpayers of this City through the General Funds

Sincerely,

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