

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: CF No. 09-0969-S3 Apparently, the fees one needs to pay in order to appeal a determination with Richard Llewelyn's LA City Planning Committee have been raised from \$89 to \$16,000 - unless the person lodging an appeal is a developer. This means that any concerned citizen, who cares about his or her neighborhood and the infringement of rights to have a healthy environment need not apply - because clearly, unless a concerned citizen has \$16,000 - they will not be able to lodge an appeal with LA City Planning. This means that concerned citizens are prevented from lodging appeals based on their financial means, rather than their constructive efforts and desire to participate in the decision-making process. When we have so few people able to participate in the City governance, I would think that as a city planning strategy, the appeals process should be a healthy signal to the City development plan that the development will be beneficial or will it be gentrification/homelessness. Thank you for your consideration of reducing the fees back to \$89 to make them more affordable to every day citizens. Sincerely Karen Merchant-Yates CF No. 09-0969-S3