

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I beg of you and all your fellow councilmen NOT to increase the fees for Historic Preservation. I normally do one FREE Historic-Cultural Monument nomination per year. The remainder someone must pay for. I will no longer do that as the pandemic has rendered me a pauper. People have things which they consider more important when their lives are at risk as they have been for the past year plus. I could do no FREE monument nominations if I had to lay out dollars beyond the donation of over 100 hours that is required to prepare a nomination. And, many individuals would not consider a nomination if they also had to pay a CITY fee in addition to my preparation and follow-through fee. Then there are the Mills Acts which the City screwed about 5 years ago when they required several months to add new fees and raise the rest of the fees in order for a property to become a Mills Act property and reward the owner with reduced property taxes in return for the rehabilitation and continued maintenance of said property. I forgot to add that the usual reduction fell by about 30%. I once did 15 properties a year which received Mills Act savings. I'm now down to 1 - 3 since the rules changed, greatly increasing the cost to apply. BONUS: The OHR TODAY announced that there shall be NO Mills Act program this year. Ain't that just grand? And, they announced it two MONTHS after the applications were to be released --. BRAVO!!! -- and with no indication of what we should tell people who were planning to apply this year. If you and your cohorts triple the fees, double the fees, introduce new fees you might as well shutter, chain and lock the OHR. How about reducing the Mills Act fees to where they were about 5 years ago??? That would help everyone who is interested in preserving a property by rehabilitating and maintaining it FOR THE CITY IN WHICH THE HISTORIC PROPERTY IS LOCATED -- LOS ANGELES. I seem to perceive that you all, and especially the City's Administrator, prefer Characterless Big Apartment Boxes along all of the major boulevards and hidden back streets of your fair City. Some of us do NOT, but if you make preservation a financially unreachable goal, that is what you shall achieve and ENJOY... PLEASE, leave the preservation fees where they are, Introduce NO new ones. DECREASE the Mills Act fees to reasonable rates for someone who purchases a historic residence

for less than One Million Dollars because they most definitely shall need the Mills Act to rehabilitate their dream historic home and to save a few dollars on their property tax. Otherwise, they will do the very most necessary repairs and let it slide further into benign neglect as a symbol of your once gracious City. And , I just became aware of the plan to increase permit fees for historic structures. WHAT? For many of your constituents of color or retirees who live in your district that will lead to yet more unpermitted .work or for those who can't afford to rehabilitate a sale to an UNHISTORIC purchaser who will do whatever unpermitted work they shall on their "old, run down" property. Watch your HPOZs go into the ground as the City decides to also not support that program just as they did the Mills Act a very short few days ago. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS FIASCO.

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Submitting comment in opposition of raising filing fees for appeals as this is a direct way to disenfranchise impoverish communities, Black and Brown communities, and working-class communities. Further, this action will do away with a constitutional right for which the appeals process was created to address.