

Contact Information

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Summary: The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) is gravely concerned about the proposed action of increasing the Appeal Fee, and urges the City Council to reject the increase. We submit to you that the current fee of \$89 is already beyond the reach of many of the City's residents, and any increase to the fee will take away the ability of more citizens to petition their government. The notion of increasing the Appeal Fee to the full cost of \$13,538 is outrageous and is a clear message to the City's residents that the City government has no interest in hearing their opinion. It undermines the possibility of a fair and impartial review of buildings and projects in our neighborhoods. We ask that the appeal fee remain at its current value of \$89 plus an annual COL increase.

We wish to remind the City Council members that the residents of the City of Los Angeles already pay for the full cost of the appeal as part of the taxes we pay the City. Any increase in the fee represents an increase in City taxes on its residents without any justification.