

Community Impact Statement by Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council regarding City Council File 09-0600s50 (Ordinances 180847 and 180928) Filing Fees for appeals from Planning Department Actions.

1. Costs of appeal should be built into the original filing fees, and not assessed against appellants.
2. Citizens should not be discouraged from bringing appeals. Fees should be nominal as adjustment of administrative errors is a fundamental part of government.
3. Increase in filing fees to fund appeals should have element to allow appeals board right to award costs to citizens successfully appealing.
4. Appointees to Appeals Boards should be first vetted by neighborhood councils within their areas, and the recommendation of the neighborhood councils should go to City Council at time of consideration.