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Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

Community Impact Statement
October 15, 2026

To: Los Angles City Council, Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez, Councilwoman Ysabel Jurado

Re: **IN OPPOSITION** to Council File No 09-0969-S4, proposing to raise Land Use Appeal fees to Non Applicants to $1,175.

We, the **Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council** represent over 30,000 Angelenos who reside in, or work in Lincoln Heights including Council Districts 1 and 14. We declare that on **October 15, 2026**, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the **Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council** with a quorum of **10** board members present and that by a vote of :

12 (number) yes, 0 (number) no, and 0 (number) abstentions

To pass the following resolution regarding the aforementioned project.

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council hereby opposes Council File No 09-0969-S4, and the proposal to increase Land Use Appeal fees for non applicants to $1,175 . This 413% increase is detrimental and discriminatory towards low income, disenfranchised communities, much like the communities of Lincoln Heights, Chinatown. Boyle Heights, El Sereno, in Council District 1 and 14.

Historical Findings and Justifications:

WHEREAS the current appeal fees for non applicants is $229. Non applicants are: regular community members, coalitions, environmentalists, etc.

WHEREAS an in increase to $1,175 is extremely disproportionate, unfounded, and unjust.

WHEREAS the appeal process, is the only change the community has a true opportunity to exercise agency and democracy, and represent the voice of the community.

WHEREAS developers have the resources, network, and budget to pay for exorbitant appeal fees, and community members do not, creating an unjust dynamic.

WHEREAS the appeal process is the only opportunity where community can highlight environmental racism, and advocate for health and safety when developments cause harm.

WHEREAS many community appeals have led to necessary Environmental Impact Reports, Soil Testing, remediation that is often if not always, bypassed in the land use process.

WHEREAS community appeals are the only opportunity to stop harmful developments, like data centers.

WHEREAS $1,175 fee to community members, is unrealistic, unaccessible, and discriminatory.

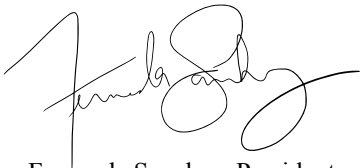
We therefore demand that our City officials to deny Council File No 09-0969-S4, and keep the appeal fees for non applicants to $245.

Be it further resolved Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board members, Fernanda Sanchez, Selena Ortega, to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board

Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis..

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the name and on behalf of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council and as of the date set forth below.

Signature of President



Fernanda Sanchez, President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council