

CF 09-0969:

Summary: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes any significant increase in appeal fees for planning and land use appeals filed by non-applicants.

“Full cost recovery” hinders the public and affected property owners to appeal decisions. The Ordinance, as proposed, will have a dampening effect on a governmental duty to provide a fair and impartial system of reviewing decisions accessible to all; not just a privileged few.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council proposes that a fee structure similar to options two and five of the August 14, 2017, CAO/Planning Report.

The Council proposes the following structure:

Charge 65 percent of full cost recovery (\$8,800) for applicant appeals. For non-applicant appeals, those living within 500 feet of the project shall qualify for one of the following subsidized fees: 1) \$150 for residents participating in the Department of Water and Power’s (DWP) Lifeline Program; 2) \$677 for residents participating in the DWP Low Income Discount Program; or, 3) 50 percent of full cost recovery (\$6,769). For applicant and non-applicants living outside of the 500-foot radius, the appeal fee shall be at 85 percent of full cost recovery (\$11,507). To qualify for a Hardship Exemption fee, a resident shall provide a current utility bill for a property within 500-feet of the project site that demonstrates they are enrolled in the DWP Lifeline or DWP Low Income Discount Program.

The remainder of the fees for non-applicants should be subsidized by the General Fund.