

RENO CITY COUNCIL

# PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

Thank you for participating. We know your time is valuable and we look forward to hearing your comments, ideas and questions. The Mayor and City Council request that all comments are expressed in a courteous manner. Public comment is limited to three minutes each. Comments should be addressed to the council as a whole, not an individual member.

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If you are representing someone, other than yourself, please indicate whom:

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DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES ☐ NO ☒

AGENDA ITEM D1

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COMMENTS: I will speak to this issue  
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CC public hearing May 21, 2025:

My comments re: Item D.1 City Budget:

Art Rangel for the record:

*Development Services*

Staff is proposing raising the appeal fee from \$103 to \$500. I have been in staff's position during my career where we had to look at staff expenses. I am not opposed to raising the fee to \$500 but I am opposed to having the appellant pay all that fee. I think it is more equitable if the project proponent pays \$400 and the appellant pays \$100 for the following reason. First, the project proponent is typically a business and can write off that expense while the appellant is typically a homeowner and cannot write off the expense. Secondly, in my over 40 years as a municipal staff member and consultant, I have never seen so many appeals in one city. I think the reason for all these appeals is the incompatibility of land uses being *Recommended and approved*. The most fundamental principle in zoning is to separate incompatible land uses. As an example of what is being *Recommended and approved* consider the Master Policy which encourages housing in the downtown area while staff is recommending approving late night early morning clubs with loud music until 5:00 am. Consider the approval of warehouse distribution in close proximity to single family residential in North Valley. Lastly, by splitting the cost between the project proponent and the residential community, maybe both sides can work together for a better solution.