



Date of Notice: January 3, 2020

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Special Event Permit - March for Babies 2020

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Balboa Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a 5K walk event and festival that would include the temporary use of vendors, food, beverages, communications center, a stage, entertainment, tents, canopies, tables, and chairs that would occur on April 25, 2020. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 7 AM on April 24, 2020 until 2 PM on April 25, 2020. The 5K route would start and finish at Laurel Street and Balboa Drive, head east on El Prado to Bea Evenson Fountain, walk around the fountain counterclockwise and travel north on the sidewalk east of the Museum of Natural History, cross Village Place and continue north, turn left onto Zoo Place, turn left onto Village Place, turn right onto El Prado, turn right onto Balboa Drive, turn left onto Quince Street, turn left onto the center sidewalk and continue to the finish line. Road closures would be associated with the event and would include El Prado between 6th Avenue and Plaza de Panama, Balboa Drive between Juniper and Quince Streets, and Juniper Street between Balboa Drive and 6th Avenue from 6 AM until 11 AM on April 25, 2020. There would be one stage with a sound system used for announcements/entertainment and sound amplification would occur from 7 AM until 11 AM on April 25, 2020. On April 24, 2020, set-up would occur from 7 AM to 6 PM. On April 25, 2020, set-up would occur from 4:30 AM until 7 AM, the event would occur from 7 AM until 11 AM, and the event will be dismantled from 11 AM until 2 PM.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: CEQA exemptions §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land); §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures); §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; §Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor, temporary use of land that has negligible or no permanent

effects on the environment; §Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which allows for construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, temporary use items in publicly owned facilities or other facilities designated for public use; §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which allows for the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the project would not represent a change in the operation of the facility.

In addition, the exceptions set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15300.2 do not apply to this project wherein: a) the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; b) no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place were identified; c) there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; d) the project would not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; e) the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and f) the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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On January 3, 2020, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**January 17, 2020**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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