



Date of Notice: October 19, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event Permit - Balboa Park December Nights

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Balboa Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a specialty lighting and holiday event that would occur within Balboa Park on December 1 & 2, 2023. The event would include lights, stages, entertainment, music, dance performances, carolers, bell ringers, choirs, bands, food preparation, food vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, canopies, generators, light towers, sound amplification, fencing and/or barriers, portable restrooms, tables, chairs, and a skate rank. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from November 19, 2023, at 7 AM through January 2, 2023, at 9 PM. Set up would occur over fourteen days: November 19, 2023, through November 29, 2023, from 7 AM to 7 PM, on December 1, 2023, from 7 AM to 3 PM, and on December 2, 2023, from 7 AM until 11 AM. The event would occur over two days: December 1, 2023, from 3 PM to 11 PM and on December 2, 2023, from 11 AM to 11 PM. Dismantling would occur over four days: December 2, 2023, from 11 PM to 11:55 PM, December 3rd from 12 AM until 7 PM, December 4th from 6 AM until 5 PM, and January 2, 2024, from 7 AM until 9 PM. For the December Nights event, the Special Event Permit covers four of the stages occurring throughout the park - the Organ Pavilion, the Plaza de Panama Stage, the Palm Stage on Recital Hall Lawn, and the Quadrangle riser stage.

Road closures associated with the event would occur from 6 AM on December 1, 2023, until 11:59 PM on December 2, 2023, and would include access to President's Way, Pan American Road, El Prado, Village Place, and Old Globe Way through Balboa Park.

Parking would be closed within the following parking lots:

Palisades, Alcazar, Space Theater, Casa de Balboa, Pepper Grove, Federal, Gold Gulch, Organ Pavilion, and North Carousel parking lots will be permit only lots starting Friday 12/1/23 at 12AM through Sunday 12/3/23 at 12PM. Inspiration Point, Bea Evanson, and South Carousel lots will be managed through a ROE parking management company starting Friday 12/1/23 at 6AM through Saturday 12/2/23 at 11:59PM.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); Section 15311 (Accessory Structures).

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 that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section(s): 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 (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; and where the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On October 19, 2023, 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 Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**October 26, 2023**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via email or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/developmentservices/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business hours. You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked) before or on the final date of the appeal.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/developmentservices/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Bring the fully completed appeal application DS-3031 (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, 1st Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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