



Date of Notice: December 18, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Forever Balboa Park Special Use Permit
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
LOCATION: All areas of Balboa Park, 1549 El Prado Suite #1, San Diego California 92101

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Under this Special Use Permit, Forever Balboa Park (Permittee) will be able to use the permit area for the purposes of providing limited services to benefit the Premises and visitors of Balboa Park by performing volunteer and maintenance projects, services, and programs, limited grounds maintenance, and beautification projects through its network of programs in conjunction with City maintenance staff. Portions of the Permit Area are within a National Historic Landmark District and must maintain consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Landscapes. New trails will not be built as part of this Permit unless all required environmental documentation is certified, and all required regulatory permitting is secured. Garden Steward and Tree Steward volunteers will engage with the public through interpretive, educational programming; educational demonstrations; and speaking with school groups while performing their volunteer work. Maintenance and remediation projects will be performed on an as needed basis and must receive all appropriate environmental and historic review in writing by City staff.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

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

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) 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. 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; there are locations listed on GeoTracker and EnviroStor within 1,000 feet of the address in question. While these

locations are listed, the proposed projects would allow for minimal ground disturbance which would not displace or disturb large quantities of soil. Thus, the proposed projects would not expose potential hazardous materials, and would not preclude the use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code not needed.

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On December 18, 2023, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to 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 the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**December 26, 2023**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/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/development-services/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, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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