

Date of Notice: January 3, 2024

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event Permit - 41st Annual San Diego Chinese New Year Fair
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Downtown
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
LOCATION: 3rd Ave. between Island Ave. and J St., and J St. between 3rd and 4th Ave.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a two-day Chinese New Year's celebration that would include food vendors, food trucks, onsite food preparation, merchandise vendors, a stage, entertainment, dancing, and the temporary use of canopies, fencing and/or barriers, generator, sound amplification, tables, chairs, portable restrooms, and recycling/trash containers that would occur February 24 and 25, 2024. Sound amplification would occur from 9 AM until 5 PM during the event. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 1 PM on February 23, 2024, until 11 PM on February 25, 2024. On February 23, 2024, set-up would occur from 1 PM until 5 PM. The event would occur from 10 AM to 5 PM on February 24 and 25, 2024. Dismantling would occur from 5 PM until 11 PM on February 25, 2024.

Road and parking closures would be associated with the event and would include 3rd Avenue between Island Avenue and J Street, and J Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues and would occur on February 23, 2024, from 12 PM through February 25, 2024, at 11 PM.

Bike lane closures would be associated with the event and would include J Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues and would occur on February 23, 2024, from 12 PM through February 25, 2024, at 11 PM.

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 January 3, 2024, 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 (**January 10, 2024**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via email or in-person as follows:

 <u>Appeals filed via E-mail</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/developmentservices/pdf/industry/forms/ds</u>

<u>3031.pdf</u>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> 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.** <u>Appeals filed In-Person:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at:

https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/developmentservices/pdf/industry/forms/ds 3031.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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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