



**Date of Notice:** April 15, 2024

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

**SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Special Event Permit - March for Babies

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Balboa Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3

**LOCATION:** Balboa Park, Sixth Avenue & El Prado, 699 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92103

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a 5K walk and festival event that would include vendors, entertainment, food and beverages, the temporary use of a stage, generators, fencing and/or barricade, tents, portable restrooms, trash/recycle containers, tables, and chairs that would occur on May 18, 2024. The festival will take place in the park area between Sixth Avenue, El Prado, Juniper Road, and Balboa Drive. Noise associated with the event activities and setup/dismantling would occur from 8 AM on May 17, 2024, until 4 PM on May 18, 2024. There would be one stage with a sound system used for announcements/entertainment and sound amplification would occur from 6:45 AM until 11 AM. Set-up would occur from 8 AM until 7 PM on May 17, 2024, and from 5 AM until 7 AM on May 18, 2024. The event would occur from 7 AM until 11 AM on May 18, 2024, and dismantling would occur from 11 AM until 4 PM. See route map attached.

Road closures would be associated with the event and would include the Laurel Street Bridge and El Prado and Cabrillo Bridge between Sixth Avenue and Bea Evanson Fountain, Balboa Drive between Juniper Road and Quince Drive, Juniper Road between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive from 8:30 AM until 10 AM on May 18, 2024.

Street parking closures would be associated with the event and would include Juniper Road and Balboa Drive from 6:30 AM until 11 AM on May 18, 2024.

**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 April 15, 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 (**April 22, 2024**). 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](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

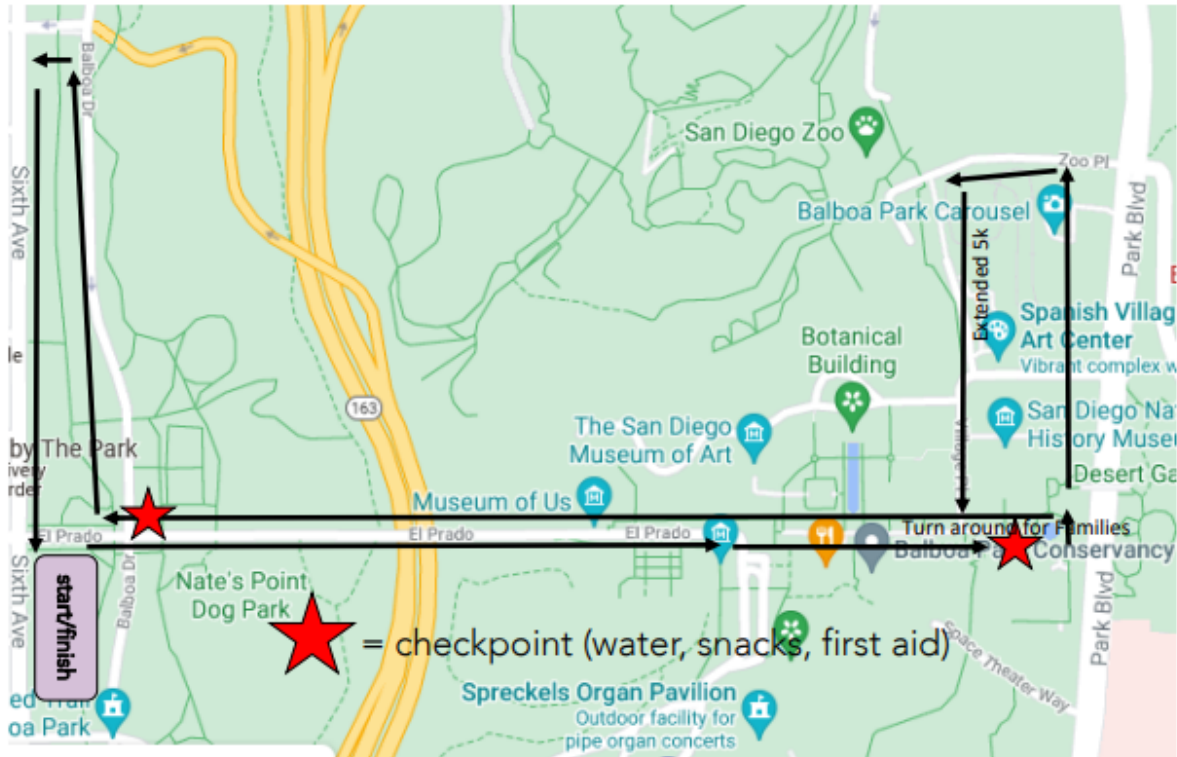
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## March for Babies 5/18/2024



### Family Route

- Start on El Prado walking towards the Cabrillo Bridge.
- Walkers continue on El Prado towards Bea Evanson Fountain. First checkpoint is at Bea Evanson Fountain.
- Walkers circle around Bea Evanson Fountain to turn back onto El Prado to continue along right-hand side of street.
- Continue along El Prado, crossing at Balboa Dr. to grassy area. Second checkpoint placed on corner of El Prado and Balboa Dr.
- Walkers continue up path along grassy area towards Quince Dr. Turn around at Quince Dr. to follow path back towards El Prado. Final checkpoint placed on corner of El Prado and Sixth Ave.
- Cross El Prado and finish at festival site.

### 5K Route

- Will follow first two bullet points above. Then keep going straight along pathway around Bea Evanson Fountain towards Zoo Pl.
- Turn left at Zoo Pl to follow along left-side of street. Then turn left on path that goes by Zoo Picnic Area
- Follow path along outside of San Diego Zoo, cross at Old Globe Way. Continue towards El Prado. Join with rest of walkers at El Prado.

All roads within Balboa Park will be closed until 10am on 5/18.

Crossing guards will be at Village Pl, Zoo Drive, and Old Globe Way to help staff get into parking lots.

Will have volunteers directing walkers for 5k or Family Route at Bea Evanson Fountain.