

Date of Notice: May 22, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Approval of an Agreement between the City of San Diego and the AjA Project for a Temporary Exhibit of Artwork in City Heights

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mid City: City Heights

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9

LOCATION: The project is located in a City-owned bollard-controlled alleyway section of 44th Street between Wightman Street and Landis Street. See Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves temporarily installing community-initiated artwork by artist Shinpei Takeda with the AjA Project (Exhibitor), an arts organization based in City Heights, on City property. The use of the project site by the Exhibitor will be limited to site preparation, assembly, installation and de-installation of the artwork, and maintenance and conservation of the artwork. The artwork consists of a text and graphic-based mural along the total length of the surface of alleyway described in the Location section above and depicted in Figure 1. The mural will be approximately 615" long by 20" wide and made out of a thermoplastic material designed for street markings. The text of the mural is poetry written by City Heights-based youth in a poetry workshop with the AjA Project. The artwork proposal has been approved by the City for an installation period of one year, extendable for additional one year periods up to five years upon further approval from the City.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)

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 15301 (Existing Facilities) which exempts 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 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 May 22, 2024, 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 **(May 30, 2024)**. Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u>can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-</u> <u>services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.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.
- <u>Appeals filed In-Person</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u> can be obtained at: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-</u> <u>services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Bring the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (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.

Figure 1: Project Location





Project Boundary