



Date of Notice: August 29, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Trees for Communities in Districts 4, 8, and 9
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Barrio Logan, Southeastern San Diego, San Ysidro
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4, 8, and 9
LOCATION: Various Locations in Council Districts 4, 8, and 9

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of San Diego has initiated the Trees for Communities project to enhance greenery in targeted neighborhoods, including those represented by CD4, CD8, and CD9. Many public spaces in these areas currently lack adequate room for tree planting due to fully paved parkways or small tree wells. To address this, the City will create new tree wells in paved parkways and expand existing ones that are too small for proper tree growth. This project will require cutting concrete and asphalt to accommodate the new spaces. Additionally, sidewalks adjacent to the new or expanded tree wells will be repaired as part of the project, contributing to the city's environmental goals.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 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 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use; Section 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. Portions of the project are located within an area of the development period in which historic sidewalks with scored patterns and stamps would have been constructed. The historical date stamps and impressions will be preserved per the City's Standard Drawings SDG-115 (Existing Historical Stamp or Impression Placement). In the event that additional historic sidewalk stamps, street signs, lampposts, street trees, and/or other hardscape and cultural landscape elements are identified during project construction, the Contractor would be required to protect and preserve these per Policy HP-A.5 of the City's General Plan Historic Preservation Element and SDMC Section 142.0670(a)(1). 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 as to the exception for hazardous materials, there are locations listed on EnviroStor and

GeoTracker within 1,000 feet of the project area. While these locations are listed, the proposed projects would not involve ground disturbance which would expose potential hazardous materials, and as such would not preclude the use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On August 29, 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 (**September 6, 2024**). 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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