



**Date of Notice:** November 10, 2024

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Special Event Permit - Balboa Park December Nights

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Balboa Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3

**LOCATION:** Balboa Park

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a specialty lighting and holiday event that would occur within Balboa Park on December 6 & 7, 2024. The event would include lights, inflatables, animals, stages, entertainment, music, dance performances, carolers, bell ringers, choirs, bands, onsite food preparation, food vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, canopies, generators, light towers, sound amplification, fencing and/or barriers, portable restrooms, tables, chairs, skate ramp, and a Ferris Wheel. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from November 24, 2024, at 7 AM through January 2, 2024, at 9 PM. Set up would occur over fourteen days: November 24, 2024, from 7 AM to 9 PM, November 25, 2024, through December 1, 2024, from 7 AM to 7 PM, on December 2, 2024, from 7 AM to 8 PM, December 3, 2024, from 7 AM to 10 PM, December 4-5, 2024, from 6 AM to 10 PM, December 6, 2024, from 4 AM to 3 PM, and on December 7, 2023, from 6 AM until 11 AM. The event would occur over two days: December 6, 2024, from 3 PM to 11 PM and on December 7, 2024, from 11 AM to 11 PM. Dismantling would occur over four days: from December 7, 2024, on 9 PM to 9 PM on December 8, 2024, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM until 5 PM, and January 2, 2025, from 7 AM until 9 PM.

Road closures associated with the event would occur from 6 AM on December 6, 2024, until 12 AM on December 8, 2024, and would include access to President's Way, Pan American Road, El Prado, Village Place, and Old Globe Way through Balboa Park. Partial road closures would include Village Place would be partially closed from the intersection of Old Globe Way to El Prado Thursday 12/5/24 12:00AM through Friday 12/6/24 6AM, at which time all of Village Place becomes access controlled as noted in full road closures. Balboa Dr. will be closed to public access from Quince St. to Juniper 12/6/24 at 12:01AM through 12/8/24 at 12:00AM. Juniper will also be closed from Balboa Dr. to 6th Ave. Both roads will be access controlled by private security with support from SETC and Rangers. Westbound traffic on Zoo Place will close on 12/6/24 at approximately 5PM until approximately 9PM, and again on 12/7/24 at approximately 5PM until approximately 9PM. Traffic will be eastbound only during the closure. Exact time of change is determined by SETC officers.

In addition to "No Parking" on the streets noted in road closures, "No Parking" along city streets is as follows: Thursday 12/5/24 12:01AM through Saturday 12/7/24 11:59PM: Village Place from Old Globe Way to El Prado, Friday 12/6/24 12:01AM through Saturday 12/7/24 11:59PM: Approximately 100 ft

of B St. at 16th, 3rd Ave at A St., Beech St. at Kettner St.; Approximately 300 ft of Park Blvd. northbound at SDHS, and any parking spots on both sides of Park Blvd. between Upas St. and Presidents Way; Presidents Way; Zoo Dr. from Park Blvd. to Zoo lot entrance; El Prado between 6th Ave and Balboa Dr.; section of 6th Ave northbound between Juniper St. and Maple St., section of 6th Ave southbound between Maple St. and Juniper St., Thursday 12/5/24 12:01AM through Saturday 12/7/24 11:59PM: Palisades lot, Alcazar lot, Friday 12/6/24 12:01AM through Saturday 12/7/24 11:59PM: Upper Federal Lot, Organ Lot, Gold Gulch, Casa de Balboa, Pepper Grove, North and South Carousel lots, Spanish Village lot will be "permit only lots" with joint management by security and event staff. Friday 12/6/24 12:01AM through Saturday 12/7/24 11:59PM: Inspiration Point, Lower Federal lot, Space Theater lot, and Nat lot will be managed by private security and/or through a ROE parking management company.

**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 November 10, 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 (**November 19, 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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