

Date of Notice: April 29, 2025

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## **ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT**

WBS No: B-15086 and B-13152

PROJECT NAME: Block 6H and Block 4J1 Street Lights Installation

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Clairemont Mesa and Mid-City Communities (Eastern Area)

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** 2 and 4

**LOCATION:** Streetlights will be installed near the intersections of Brandywine Street/Moultrie Avenue, Brandywine Street/Ethan Allen Avenue, Mt. Laurence Drive/Mt. Sandy Drive, Avenue, Fir Street/Brookline Street, Elm Street/50th Street, Modoc Street south of Balboa, and near the mid-blocks of Elm Street and 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will install eight new streetlights, including trenching, conduit, conductors, pull boxes, streetlight poles, light fixtures, and other associated appurtenances. Excavation will not exceed 18 inches in depth for each trench and five feet for each streetlight foundation. All work will be entirely within the developed public right-of-way.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined that the Project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines. Specifically, it qualifies under Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures, such as streetlights and other electrical appurtenances. It also qualifies under Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which permits minor public alterations in the condition of land that do not involve the removal of healthy mature, scenic trees. This includes minor sidewalk restoration, excavation, and backfilling required for the installation of conduit and streetlight foundations. Furthermore, the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 do not apply to this project.

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On April 28, 2025, 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 Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice. An appeal to this determination must be made by 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2025. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf</a>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <a href="https://enandiego.gov">hearings1@sandiego.gov</a> by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 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 within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) Appeals filed in person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. 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. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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