



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: 10/28/2025

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-25004.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Officer Jeremy Henwood Park Play Area Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS: Mid-City: City Heights

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 9

LOCATION: The proposed project site is located at 4455 Wightman Street, San Diego, CA 92105.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mayoral approval to allow for the design and construction of upgrades at the existing City of San Diego Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park. The proposed project would replace the existing children's play areas and associated amenities, including play structures, seating, lighting, fencing, and approximately 9,038 square feet of safety surfacing. The project would also install a new fitness area with fitness equipment and approximately 1,800 square feet of safety surfacing. Additional improvements would include ornamental landscaping, irrigation upgrades, and ADA accessibility improvements, such as comfort station amenities, path-of-travel upgrades, curb ramp installation and replacement, concrete sidewalk replacement, and parking restriping.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), Section 15303 (New Construction), and Section 15304(b) (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, which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities), which allows for the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as ADA improvements, path-of-travel improvements, and parking space restriping; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure

replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity, such as replacing children's play structures, seating, lighting, fencing, curb ramps, concrete sidewalk, and irrigation; Section 15303 (New Construction), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as safety surfacing, fitness equipment, comfort station amenities, curb ramps, and irrigation; Section 15304(b) (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows for minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation, such as replacing grass turf with shrubs; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 do not apply.

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On October 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, November 4, 2025. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). 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 <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov 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 <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. 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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