



**Date of Notice:** January 7, 2026

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Special Event Permit -2026 Dr. MLK Jr. Parade

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Southeastern San Diego

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 4

**LOCATION:** Valencia Parkway, Skyline Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. Rec Center & Park

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a parade that would include marching units, school bands, civic groups, floats, cars, entertainment, sound amplification, a drone, and the temporary use of a stage, canopies, a generator, fencing/barriers, tables, chairs, that would occur on Skyline Drive between Valencia Parkway and MLK Park on January 24, 2026. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 6 AM until 11 AM on January 24, 2026. Set-up would occur from 6 AM until 8:45 AM, the event would occur from 9 AM until 10:30 AM, and dismantling would occur on from 10:30 AM until 11 AM. The parade route would begin at Valencia Park Elementary and head east on Skyline Dr. to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. See map attached.

Road, parking, and bike lane closures would be associated with this event and would occur on January 24, 2026, and would include:

- Valencia Pkwy would be closed from Skyline to Latimer; 7am to 11am.
- Skyline Drive will be closed from Valencia to 65th; 8am to 11am.

**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 January 7, 2026, 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 (**January 14, 2026**).

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 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/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@san Diego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@san Diego.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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

**POSTED ON THE CITY'S CEQA WEBSITE**

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## Summary of Parade Details

### Set-up/Staging Valencia Park

Parade route goes from the parking lot at Valencia Park south on Valencia park way.  
Transitions to east bound on Skyline Dr. Ends at MLK Jr. Park parking lot.

Parade will be from 9am-10:30a.

### Street Closures

Skyline Drive East and West

Valencia Parkway North and South

61<sup>st</sup> Street North and South

Henson St South

Patten St South

Detroit Place North

Omeara St North

Ozzie North

