



Date of Notice: January 9, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event Permit - Balboa Park Chinese New Year Fair

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

LOCATION: Balboa Park - International Cottages - 2217 Pan American Plaza

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a two-day cultural New Year fair event that would occur on February 21 & 22, 2026, at the International Cottage and Pan American Lawns in Balboa Park. The event would include a stage, sound amplification, generators, vendor booths, information booths, entertainment, crafts, food, onsite food preparation, canopies, generators, portable restrooms, trash/recycling containers, tables, and chairs. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 12 PM on February 20, 2026, until 9 AM on February 23, 2026. Set-up would occur from 12 PM until 5 PM on February 20, 2026, from 7 AM until 11 AM on February 21, 2026, and from 9 AM until 11 AM on February 22, 2026. The event would occur from 11 AM until 5 PM on February 21 & 22, 2026. Dismantling would occur from 5 PM until 7:30 PM on February 22, 2026, and from 7 AM until 9 AM on February 23, 2026.

No road/parking closures would be associated with this event.

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 9, 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 16, 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@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, 1st Floor Lobby, San Diego, CA 92101. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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