



Date of Notice: February 17, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event Permit- 44th Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Festival

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park and Uptown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Fifth and Sixth Avenues and the western portion of Balboa Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for an annual parade and festival that would include the parade, fire trucks, vehicles, equestrian units, animals, marching bands, alcohol, vendors, food and craft booths, food trucks, stages, entertainment, music, sound amplification, onsite food preparation, generators, portable restrooms, fencing and/or barriers, canopies/tents, bleachers, trash/recycling containers, tables, and chairs that would occur along Fifth Avenue, Sixth Avenue, and the western portion of Balboa Park on March 14, 2026. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur between 7:30 AM on March 13, 2026, until 12 PM on March 14, 2026. Set-up would occur on March 13, 2026, from 7:30 AM until 8 PM, and on March 14, 2026, from 6 AM until 9 AM. On March 14, 2026, the event would occur from 9 AM to 6 PM. The dismantling would occur from 6 AM to 12 PM on March 15, 2026. There would be stages with musical performances and sound amplification would occur from 10:30 AM until 6 PM on the day of the event. The alcohol would be served at 9 AM through 5:30 PM on the day of the event. The festival would take place between 6th Ave and Balboa Drive, north of Laurel St./El Prado. The parade route would begin at Fifth Avenue and Laurel. See map attached.

Proceeds north on Fifth Avenue to Upas turns east to Sixth Avenue then south to Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street where the parade would disband in Balboa Park. Parade staging areas would be on the following three streets:

El Prado between 6th Ave and balboa Drive.

5th Ave between Hawthorn St. and Laurel St.

6th Ave between Hawthorn St. and Laurel St.

The following streets would be closed on March 14, 2026, and no parking would occur at 4 AM:

Fifth Avenue from Grape Street to Upas Street (from 8 AM to 5 PM)

Sixth Avenue between Grape Street to Laurel Street (from 6 AM to 3 PM)

Sixth Avenue between Quince Street and Upas Street (from 6 AM to 3 PM)

Sixth Avenue between Laurel Street and Quince (from 6 AM to 7 PM)

Laurel Street between Fourth Avenue and Sixth Avenue.

There would be parking closures associated with this event from 4 AM until 7 PM on March 14, 2026,

and would include the following:

- both sides of Juniper between Fourth and Balboa Drive
- both sides of Hawthorn between Fourth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Ivy between Fourth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Kalmia between Fifth and Sixth
- both sides of Laurel between Fifth and Balboa Dr
- both sides of Maple between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Nutmeg between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Olive between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Palm between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Quince between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Redwood between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Spruce between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Thorn between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Upas between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Ivy Lane between Fifth and Sixth Ave
- both sides of Fifth Ave between Grape and Upas Ave
- both sides of Sixth Ave between Grape and Laurel Ave
- both sides of Sixth Ave between Quince and Upas St
- both sides of Balboa Ave from Upas to Juniper
- 2 spaces on the NE corner on Fifth and Ivy Lane

Traffic delays would be expected in all above mentioned streets starting at 8 AM on March 14, 2026.

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 February 17, 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 (**February 24, 2026**).

Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505

(<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdb505.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](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf) 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](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf) 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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2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival- Parade Footprint

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Parade Route



Parade Staging



