



**Date of Notice:** March 3, 2026

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Special Event Permit – 2026 Race for Autism

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Balboa Park and Uptown

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3

**LOCATION:** Sixth Avenue, Laurel Street, Balboa Drive, El Prado, Pan American Way East, Pan American West, and the western portion of Balboa Park

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a 5K run/walk, a one-mile family walk, and a resource fair event that would include a DJ, entertainment, games, resource fair activities, and the temporary use of a stage, canopies, tables, and chairs, generators, sound amplification, portable restrooms, and recycling/trash containers that would occur in Balboa Park on April 11, 2026. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 11 AM on April 10, 2026, until 2 PM on April 11, 2026. Sound amplification from a DJ would occur from 7 AM until 10:30 AM. Set-up would occur from 11 AM until 6 PM on April 10, 2026, and from 4:30 AM until 6:30 AM on April 11, 2026. The event would occur from 6:30 AM until 10:30 AM on April 11, 2026, and dismantling would occur from 10:30 AM until 2 PM on April 11, 2026. The Race Registration, Resource Fair, Stage and Children's Activities would take place in the grassy area between 6th and Balboa Drive, and El Prado and Juniper. The Start Line would be located on 6th Street adjacent to the Stage, and the Finish Line is on Balboa Drive and exiting into the Resource Fair. See course descriptions and maps attached.

Road and parking closures associated with the event would occur on April 11, 2026, and would include:

- 6th Avenue both northbound lanes and one southbound lane between Hawthorn Street and Upas from 6:45 AM until 9:30 AM
- street parking would be closed on northbound side of 6th Ave. between Hawthorn and Upas from 4 AM until 9:30 AM

**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 March 3, 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 (**March 10, 2026**).

Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505

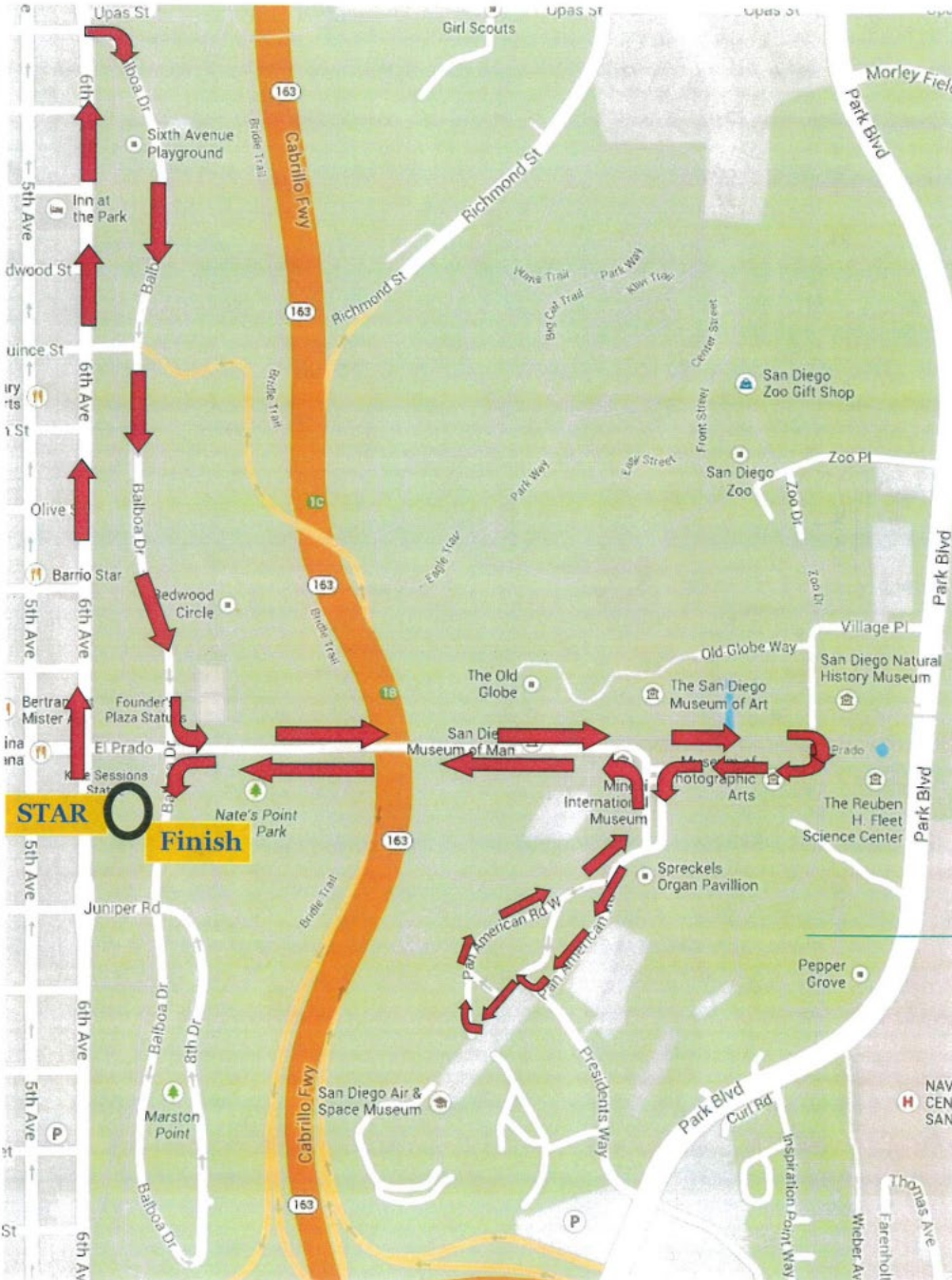
(<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via email or in-person as follows:

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

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## 2026 Race for Autism 5K Course



## **2026 Race for Autism 5K Course description**

1. Start on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue north bound, between Kamlia St. and Laurel St.
2. At Upas, turn Right onto Balboa Drive south bound
3. At Laurel/El Prado, turn East/Left onto Cabrillo Bridge
4. Proceed past the traffic Circle to Village Place
5. At Village Place, make a U-Turn and head back to the traffic circle at Pan American Road E.
6. At Pan American Road E., turn left and follow to Presidents Way
7. At Presidents Way, turn West/Left towards International Houses
8. Follow Pan American Road West back to traffic circle at El Prado
9. At El Prado, turn West/Left across Cabrillo Bridge
10. At Balboa Drive, turn South/Left to the Finish Line.
11. Finish Line will be between El Prado/Laurel and Juniper St.

## **2026 Race for Autism 1-Mile Course description**

1. Start on Laurel/El Prado, go East onto Cabrillo Bridge
2. Proceed past the traffic Circle to Village Place
3. At Village Place, make a U-Turn and head back to the traffic circle at Pan American Road E.
4. At Pan American Road E., continue on El Prado West across Cabrillo Bridge
5. At Balboa Drive, turn South/Left to the Finish Line.
6. Finish Line will be between El Prado/Laurel and Juniper St.