Date of Notice: November 9, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Special Event – Balboa Park December Nights
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
LOCATION: 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a specialty lighting and holiday event that would occur within Balboa Park on December 4 & 5, 2026. The event would include lights, inflatables, stages, entertainment, music, onsite food preparation, vendors, food trucks, canopies, generators, sound amplification, fencing and/or barriers, portable restrooms, tables, and chairs. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from November 19, 2026, at 7 AM until January 2, 2027, at 9 PM. Set up would occur from 7 AM until 6 PM on November 19, 2026, from 7 AM until 9 PM on November 22-30, 2026, from 7 AM until 10 PM on December 1, 2026, from 6 AM until 10 PM on December 2-3, 2026, from 4 AM until 3 PM on December 4, 2026, and from 6 AM until 10 AM on December 5, 2026. The event would occur from 4 PM until 10 PM on December 4, 2026, and from 12 PM until 10 PM on December 5, 2026. Dismantling would occur from 9 PM on December 5, 2026, until 9 PM on December 6, 2026, from 6 AM until 5 PM on December 7, 2026, and from 7 AM until 9 PM on January 2, 2027.

Road closures would be associated with the event from 6 AM on December 4, 2026, until 12 AM on December 7, 2026, and would include Presidents Way, Pan American Road, El Prado, Village Place, and Old Globe Way through Balboa Park.

Partial road closures would be associated with the event and would include:

- Village Place between Old Globe Way and El Prado from 12 AM on December 3, 2026, until 6 AM on December 4, 2026
- Balboa Drive between Quince Street and Juniper Road from 12 AM on December 4, 2026, until 12 AM on December 6, 2026
- Juniper Road between Balboa Drive and Sixth Avenue from 12 AM on December 4, 2026, until 12 AM on December 6, 2026
- Westbound traffic on Zoo Place from 5 PM until 9 PM on December 4 & 5, 2026.

Street parking closures would be associated with the event from 12 AM on December 3, 2026, until 12 AM on December 6, 2026, and would include:

- Village Place between Old Globe Way and El Prado
- Approximately 100 feet from B Street at the intersection with 16th Street
- Third Avenue at the intersections with A Street, Beech Street, and Kettner Street
- Approximately 300 ft of Park Boulevard northbound at SDHS
- Park Boulevard between Upas Street and Presidents Way
- Presidents Way
- Zoo Drive between Park Boulevard and the Zoo lot entrance
- El Prado between Sixth Avenue and Balboa Drive
- Section of Sixth Avenue northbound and southbound between Juniper Street and Maple Street
- Palisades Parking Lot
- Alcazar Parking Lot

Parking closures would be associated with the event from 12 AM on December 4, 2026, until 12 AM on December 6, 2026, and would include:

- Upper Federal Lot
- Organ Pavilion Lot
- Gold Gulch Lot
- Casa de Balboa Lot
- Pepper Grove Lot
- North and South Carousel parking lots
- Spanish Village parking lot will be “permit only lots” with managed access
- Inspiration Point
- Lower Federal Lot
- Space Theater Lot
- Natural History Parking Lots

A bike lane closure would be associated with the event from 3 PM on December 4, 2026, until 12 AM on December 6, 2026, and would include northbound Sixth Avenue between Juniper Street and Maple Street.

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 November 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 (**November 17, 2026**). 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/developmentservices/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf. Send the completed appeal 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/developmentservices/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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