Date of Notice: November 24, 2026

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Park Use Permit – Botanical Wonderland
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
LOCATION: Botanical Building Pergola & West Lawns

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Approval of a Park Use Permit (PUP) for a holiday event at the Balboa Park Botanical Building Pergola & West Lawns taking place multiple days in December 2026. The event would include approximately 300 attendees, and the temporary use of tables, chairs, canopies, performances, willow trees, amplified sound, trash/recycling containers, and a banner. Noise associated with the event activities would occur from 4:00 PM on December 2, 2026, until 10:00 PM on January 5, 2027. Set-up would occur from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM on December 2 and December 3. The multi-day event would take place on the following days:
December 12, 2026: 6pm-7pm
December 13, 2026: 6:30pm-7:30pm
December 19, 2026: 6pm-7pm
December 20, 2026: 6:30pm-7:30pm
December 26, 2026: 6:30pm-7:30pm
December 27, 2026: 6:30pm-7:30pm
Clean-up would occur from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM on January 4, and January 5, 2027.

There would be no street or parking closures 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 November 24, 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 (**December 1, 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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