



Date of Notice: October 26, 2021

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Special Event Permit – Little Italy Tree Lighting & Christmas Village

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Downtown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: India Street between West Cedar and West Grape Streets, West Date between Kettner and Piazza della Famiglia, and West Fir between Kettner and Columbia Streets in Little Italy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a tree lighting event that would include the tree lighting, vendors, Santa Claus, the temporary use of a stages, sound amplification, entertainment, canopies, tables, and chairs that would occur on December 04, 2021. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 11:55 AM until 11:55PM on December 4, 2021. Set-up would occur from 11:55 AM until 4 PM, the event would occur from 4 PM until 8 PM, and dismantling would occur from 8 PM until 11:55 PM. Road closures would be associated with the event and would include India Street between West Cedar and West Grape Streets, West Fir Street between Columbia Street and Kettner Boulevard, and West Date Street between India Street and Kettner Boulevard from 11:55 AM PM to 11:55 PM on December 4, 2021.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: CEQA exemptions §Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); §Section 15304(e) (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 and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines: §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(e) (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.

In addition, the exceptions set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15300.2 do not apply to this project wherein: a) the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; b) no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place were identified; c) there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; d) the project would not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; e) the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and f) the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

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On October 26, 2021, 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 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**November 9, 2021**). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

1. Appeals filed via E-mail: Send the appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. The [appeal application can be obtained here](#). You must separately mail the required 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 postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

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