



Date of Notice: October 28, 2021

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Special Event Permit – SoNo Fest & Chili Cook-Off

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: North Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Thorn Street between 31st and Bancroft Street, and 32nd Street between Upas and Redwood Streets

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Special Event Permit for a chili cook-off event that would include the chili competition, vendors, food trucks, a fenced-in beer garden, kids' zone tables, chairs, canopies, stages, sound amplification and entertainment that would occur on December 5, 2021. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 4:30 AM until 8 PM on December 5, 2021. Set-up would occur from 4:30 AM until 11 AM, the event would occur from 11 AM until 5 PM, and dismantling would occur from 5 PM until 8 PM. Road closures associated with the event would occur from 4:30 AM until 8 PM and would include Thorn Street between 31st Street and Bancroft Streets, and 32nd Street between Upas and Redwood Streets.

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); §Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This action is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15269(c), Emergency Project, and 15359, Emergency. This action is necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and is also necessary to address a sudden and unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This permit will allow the City to implement actions needed to prevent or mitigate the adverse effects to public health, safety, and welfare related to the spread of COVID-19 by allowing the use of public spaces for COVID-19 safety and economic recovery. Specifically, the use of these public spaces is immediately necessary to ensure that restaurant and retail uses, which are critical to the City's economy, and therefore, have the ability to provide essential services, and have

sufficient physical areas to ensure social distancing to prevent or mitigate the spread of COVID-19. If additional spaces cannot be made available for these uses, social distancing would be physically constrained, and could therefore, could result in the spread of COVID-19.

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On October 28, 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 Development Project Manager 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 4, 2021**). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, 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.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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