

Date of Notice: November 11, 2021

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Special Event Permit – Little Italy Mercato

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Downtown

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3

LOCATION: W Date Street between Front Street and west of Kettner Blvd

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Special Event Permit for a weekly farmers' market that would include the temporary use of sound amplification, produce vendors, merchandise vendors, food booths, entertainment, portable restrooms, canopies, tables, and chairs that would occur on West Date Street between Front Street and west of Kettner Boulevard on Saturdays from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. On October 1, 2022, the Little Italy Mercato will operate the same hours but one and two blocks south on Cedar and Beech Streets, during ArtWalk. Noise associated with the event activities and set-up/dismantling would occur from 4 AM until 4 PM on each Saturday of the event. Police start ticketing at 4 AM in observance of the no parking signs for the street closure, vendor set-up would occur from 4:30 AM until 8 AM, the market would be open from 8 AM until 2 PM, and clean-up/dismantling would occur from 2 PM until 4 PM. A road closure would be associated with the event and would include West Date Street between Front Street and west of Kettner Boulevard from 7:30 AM until 4 PM.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** CEQA Guidelines sections 15269(c), Emergency Project, and 15359, Emergency.

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 November 11, 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 18, 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:

- Appeals filed via E-mail: Send the appeal by email to <a href="Mearings1@sandiego.gov">Mearings1@sandiego.gov</a>; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. The <a href="mearings1@sandiego.gov">appeal application can be obtained here</a>. 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 <u>appeal application can be obtained here</u>. 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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