



**Date of Notice:** October 9, 2019

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME:** Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) UAS aerial dragnet capstone event

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS:** Downtown and Barrio Logan

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** Districts 3 and 8

**LOCATIONS:** 1) Civic Center Plaza, 1200 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101; and  
(2) Memorial Park, 606 S. 30<sup>th</sup> Street, San Diego, CA 92113

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**Civic Center Plaza**

Erect, operate, and maintain a sensor tower on the rooftop of Civic Center Plaza as necessary to collect data associated with UAS related flight activity. These UAS testing and data collection activities will be limited to the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm from October 19, 2019 through October 25, 2019.

**Memorial Park**

Conduct UAS flight testing and deployment of a tethered aerostat as well as associated sensor data collection activities at the City of San Diego's Memorial Park. These UAS testing and data collection activities will be limited to the hours of 6:00 am to 6:00 pm from October 19, 2019 through October 25, 2019 and the equipment will remain onsite overnight.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(3), and nevertheless, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Section 15306 (Information Collection).

**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 that the activity is not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3). The project would also be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair,

maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; Section 15304(e) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for the minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment; and Section 15306 (Information Collection) which consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource; 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 October 9, 2019, 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 the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**October 23, 2019**). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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