



**Date of Notice:** April 3, 2020

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

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Temporary Homeless Shelter at the San Diego Convention Center

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Downtown

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** District 3

**LOCATION:** San Diego Convention Center, 111 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed activity (Temporary Homeless Shelter at the San Diego Convention Center) to exercise authority under the existing Management Agreement between the City of San Diego (City) and the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, Inc. (Corporation) for the temporary operation of a homeless shelter at the San Diego Convention Center (Facility) to alleviate the threat of illness caused by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The City shall have the non-exclusive use of the Facility as a temporary homeless shelter to accommodate individuals. The temporary use will begin on April 1, 2020, and will last as long as the shelter-in-place order in Executive Order N-33-20 and the County of San Diego Health Officer closure orders remain in effect. The City and the Corporation will reevaluate the duration of the temporary use every 30 days, but the temporary use will not terminate before the shelter-in-place orders are lifted. The City will provide all available aid to remove all items incident to the temporary use from the Facility as soon as reasonably practicable upon termination of the temporary use. Additionally, the City will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of San Diego (County), the City of San Diego (City), the San Diego Housing Commission, and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) to provide necessary services at the Facility for persons experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to, security, food, clothing, shelter, and other associated responsibilities

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(c) (Emergency Projects) and 15359 (Emergency).

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

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15269(c) (Emergency Projects) 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 novel coronavirus – COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic, if left unaddressed, will result in an immediate short-term public health crisis, and this action is necessary to prevent or mitigate loss of life, health, and essential public services. The action involves

immediate action necessary to provide social distancing within the City's homeless facilities necessary to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

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On April 3, 2020, 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 with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**April 17, 2020**). 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 Email: Send the appeal by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov); your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**. 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. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact Elena Pascual at [EPascual@sandiego.gov](mailto:EPascual@sandiego.gov). This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

