

Date of Notice: March 3, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Linda Vista Community Garden

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Linda Vista

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 7

LOCATION: Linda Vista Community Park, 7064 Levant St, San Diego, CA 92111

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves an amendment to the General Development Plan for the Linda Vista Community Park to establish the Linda Vista Community Garden. The Bayside Community Center will design, construct, and operate a community garden growing space in the southwest corner of the Linda Vista Community Park. The proposed community garden growing space will include decomposed granite, mulch, garden and planter beds, compost and vermiculture bins, a native pollinator garden, potting tables, a pre-fabricated greenhouse, picnic tables and shade structures, benches, tree stump seats, storage sheds, fruit trees, signs, gateways (a vehicular access gate and a pedestrian access gate), hose bibs, and other recreational amenities. A chain link fence will be installed around the community garden site and an accessible parking stall is proposed adjacent to the site. The proposed project will also require an extension of the irrigation mainline to the garden. The goals of this project are to address food insecurity, provide a safe space for the diverse cultures to spend recreational time together, offer urban garden educational programming and create natural environments for all residents to enjoy.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), 15311 (Accessory Structures), and 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:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review that determined the project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment 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; and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure; and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes; and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) which consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities; and Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. 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 March 3, 2022, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to 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 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**March 10, 2022**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: Send the appeal by email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u>; 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: Sureena Basra, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- <u>Appeals filed In-Person</u>: The appeal application can be obtained in the Lobby of the City Administration Building located at 202 'C' Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The completed appeal package must include the required appeal fee in the form of a check payable to the City Treasurer to: City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Sureena Basra, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact Sureena Basra at

<u>sbasra@sandiego.gov</u>. The revised Public Notice can be found here: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/office_of_the_city_clerk_public_notice_rev09252020_v2.pdf</u>.

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

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