

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: September 15, 2023 NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. S-22011.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Oak Park Library

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mid-City Communities: Eastern Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4

LOCATION: The Project is located on the north side of the intersection of 55th Street and College Grove Drive, on City of San Diego owned land and directly west of North Chollas Community Park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the construction of a public library encompassing an area of approximately 20,000 square feet. The library will in the following areas, a lobby, browsing main circulation areas, staff work area, children's collection, story room, children's area, teen area, adult area, ideal lab room, study rooms, general seating area, community room, space for the "Friends of the Library" group, staff area, entry courtyard, exterior deck, and restrooms. To serve the library facilities, the project will also provide a parking area. Excavation and construction activities to install new utility lines, landscaping, site drainage, erosion control features, signage, and improvements to driveway and traffic signals are included. Additionally, an approximately 10,000 square feet sorting facility will be constructed to organize materials and assist with circulation.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15332 [In-Fill Development Projects].

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section (15332) (In-Fill Development Projects), which allows for in-fil development projects are consistent with the general plan and applicable zoning designations, the project site is less than five acres in size surrounded by urban uses, is of no value as habitat for endangered species, can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services, and would not

result in significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, such as the construction of a library in an urbanized area; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply. The project will implement paleontological resources monitoring for grading activities in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code Section 142.0151.

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On September 15, 2023 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 Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (by September 22, 2023). Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf</u>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in-person as follows:

- Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-</u> <u>services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. 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 United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) <u>Appeals filed in person</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

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

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