



Date of Notice: April 28, 2021

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Special Use Permit with Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for Gaslamp Square Park

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Downtown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 3

LOCATION: 501 L Street, San Diego, CA 92101

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A renewal of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to authorize MTS to act as the lead agency of a portion (approximately 3,465 SF.) of Gaslamp Square Park contiguous to the MTS property for events which will streamline the authorization process for event permits.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) 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 CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which exempts 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 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) which exempts 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; 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 April 28, 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 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 (**May 5, 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:

1. Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to 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, MS 413, 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, MS 413, 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.

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

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