



Date of Notice: June 28, 2024

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Alliance for African Assistance – 5952 Facility Renovation - 2025  
**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** City Heights  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 9  
**LOCATION:** 5952 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project will install a solar photovoltaic system on the roof, new flooring, and two automatic ADA-compliant entrance doors at the Alliance for African Assistance facility. The Alliance for African Assistance assists refugees with a range of services, including naturalization applications, asylum and refugee matters, certificates of citizenship, consular processing, and relative petitions. All construction activities will undergo review and require permits from the City of San Diego's Development Services Department.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA section 21080.35, as added by Senate Bill 226. In addition, this activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

**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 21080.35, as added by Senate Bill 226, which exempts the installation of a solar energy system, including all associated equipment, on the roof of an existing building or at an existing parking lot; 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. 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; as to the exception for hazardous materials, there are locations listed on GeoTracker and EnviroStor within 1,000 feet of the project area. While these locations are listed, there are no environmental cases of known hazardous material contamination that would be disturbed which would otherwise preclude use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Any future project(s) associated with this activity will be subject to CEQA review at a future date pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15004 which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review.

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On June 28, 2024, 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**July 8, 2024**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business 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 before or on the final date of the appeal.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form [DS-3031](#) can be obtained at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Bring the fully completed appeal application [DS-3031](#) (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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.

The appeal application can also 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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