

Interactions with the San Diego Union-Tribune

**“Judge blocks high-density Rancho Peñasquitos housing project; city says ruling could ‘grind development to a halt’”**

Feb. 7, 2023

**Question:**

I’m writing today about a tentative ruling issued yesterday in this case: 37-2021-00033583-CU-TT-CTL

There is a hearing today at 1:30, but the tentative is not expected to be finalized at that hearing.

I was hoping to get a comment from the city attorney’s office this afternoon, after the hearing, about the status of the case. Or whatever you can tell me.

**Response:**

I've let the attorneys on the case know there is media interest in this case.

However, we do not comment on tentative rulings, and this judge usually takes these cases under submission rather than announcing a final ruling from the bench.

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**Question:**

That ruling has been finalized and I’m writing a story today. Hoping you can get me a comment.

**Response:**

We disagree with the ruling, which could potentially require the City to restart the environmental review process whenever a second, unrelated project is proposed nearby, delaying completion of the first project. Our Office intends to discuss the ruling with the City Council and seek direction.

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