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### **City Wins Dismissal of Corey Briggs lawsuit to end MAD's *Court Dismisses Challenge to Legality of Assessments by Downtown PBID/MAD's***

**San Diego, CA:** The City of San Diego prevailed in a lawsuit filed by attorney Corey Briggs that challenged the legality of assessments levied in connection with the City's Downtown Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) and the City's 57 Maintenance Assessment Districts (MAD's). Mr. Brigg's "client" is an organization he calls San Diegans for Open Government or "SDOG." A copy of Judge Taylor's decision is attached.

The Downtown so-called PBID and the 57 MAD's provide special services to property owners such as landscaping, graffiti removal, and neighborhood beautification throughout the City. The PBID has been instrumental in working as a partner on homeless issues in the downtown area.

**"The fact is that the PBID and MAD's are very popular,"** said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. **"No one wanted to challenge them other than Mr. Briggs, who was in search of recovering attorney fees from the City should he be successful. He hasn't been successful in very many cases, including this one. This is a win for taxpayers."**

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