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For Immediate Release:

On September 14, 2023, the City of El Centro's request for an injunction against the Imperial County LAFCO was denied after a hearing in the Imperial County Superior Court.

The City of El Centro filed a lawsuit against LAFCO this summer seeking to prevent it from processing an application by Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District to expand the district to encompass the entire County of Imperial. As part of that lawsuit El Centro sought a preliminary injunction to stop the Pioneers application from going forward, alleging that LAFCO had violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a state law concerned with environmental effects of a project. LAFCO denies any such violation in addressing Pioneers's application.

Judge Jeffrey Jones denied El Centro's request for an injunction, ruling that there was no evidence or legal basis for injunctive relief.

This is not the end of the case, and LAFCO will continue its legal obligation to process the application of the Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District while the case is pending.

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