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### CITIZEN GROUPS SUCCESSFUL IN STOPPING STUDENT CENTER IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

***Taxpayers for Responsible Land Use and La Jolla Shores Association v. City of San Diego;***  
(Hillel of San Diego, Real Party-in-Interest) San Diego Superior Court Case No. GIC 867378

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Superior Court Judge Linda B. Quinn struck down the City of San Diego's decision to permit the construction of a 12,000 square foot student center with a 17,000 square foot garage in a single family residential neighborhood adjacent to UCSD. The City must also rescind the sale of City land to Hillel of San Diego for the project, which citizens argued was sold at more than \$300,000 below fair market value.

In June of 2006, Taxpayers for Responsible Land Use and the La Jolla Shores Association sued the City of San Diego, claiming, among other things, the City of San Diego failed to properly follow the California Environmental Quality Act, the City failed to follow the proper procedures in selling City land to Hillel of San Diego, and for selling City Land at price substantially below fair market value. The Court's ruling held that the City was required to prepare a full EIR, finding substantial evidence in the record that the project may have a significant impact on biological resources and traffic.

"We are very happy with the ruling. The ruling puts the City and Hillel of San Diego back to square one." said attorney Todd T. Cardiff, from Coast Law Group, the law firm representing the Petitioners. Mr. Cardiff added "All permits, resolutions and decisions must be rescinded, including the sale of the property. If Hillel and the City wish to move forward with the project, they must prepare a full environmental impact report."

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