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City of Palmdale to Weigh Options After Court of Appeals Decision

PALMDALE -- The City of Palmdale will weigh its options and seek direction from its City Council after a three judge panel of the Los Angeles County Court of Appeals Second Appellate District Division five ruled in favor of the plaintiffs Juan Jauregui, et al, in the California Voting Rights Act case.

“Certainly we are disappointed that the will of the voters, who elected the first African-American to the City Council, will not be honored at this time,” said Palmdale City Attorney Matthew Ditzhazy. “I’m also disappointed in the ruling by the court of appeals as to the authority of charter cities under the California constitution to prescribe the manner and method of electing their councilmembers. I think this is an issue of critical importance statewide and I will be seeking direction from the city council as to what role, if any, the City will play in its resolution.”

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