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OFFICIAL STATEMENT: COURT AFFIRMS SAN DIEGO LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S STATUTORY AUTHORITY ON LA JOLLA PETITION

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We are pleased with the trial court's ruling affirming San Diego LAFCO's Executive Officer, Keene Simonds, acted fully within his statutory authority when overruling the Registrar of Voters' improper rejection of signatures due to minor misspellings, nonstandard abbreviations, or legibility issues.

The City's challenge to this authority – while alleging bias and arbitrariness – was found to be without merit, stricken in its entirety, and reflects a disregard for the La Jolla community and the public resources expended on an unfounded complaint.

Today's ruling confirms the Executive Officer's actions empowered the petitioners and enables LAFCO staff to move forward with the La Jolla incorporation application process.

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