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PENSIONS - CALIFORNIA San Joaquin County Correctional Officers Association v. <u>County of San Joaquin</u>

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Correctional officers' union brought action against county to challenge reductions in county's retirement contributions.

The Superior Court entered judgment for county. Union appealed.

The Court of Appeal held that Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) did not shield officers' compensation package from a reduction authorized by County Employees Retirement Law (CERL).

Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) did not bar a county from reducing its share of retirement contributions for correctional officers to 50 percent under the County Employees Retirement Law (CERL) provision stating that a resolution authorizing retirement contributions exceeding 50 percent may be amended or repealed "at any time," where the memorandum of understanding (MOU) requiring the county to make retirement contributions exceeding 50 percent had expired, and bargaining had reached an impasse.

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