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TAX - CALIFORNIA City of Chula Vista v. Sandoval

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Seven cities filed a petition for a writ of mandate and a complaint for declaratory relief against county auditor-controller, challenging the methodology used to distribute the residual pool of former tax increment following dissolution of redevelopment agencies.

The Superior Court granted the petition. Auditor-controller appealed.

The Court of Appeal held that taxing entities with favorable passthrough agreements are paid in full and can also receive a proportionate amount of the residual pool of money.

Taxing entities which have favorable passthrough agreements with a redevelopment agency are paid in full and can also receive a proportionate amount of the residual pool of money left after the obligations, including passthrough agreements, are paid, when county auditors distribute the residual pool of former tax increment from the dissolution of redevelopment agencies; passthrough payments are not capped at their pro rata shares.

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