



News Alert for Mobilehome Park Owners

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Gilchrist & Rutter is pleased to announce that the Superior Court for San Bernardino County has invalidated a City of Chino Ordinance which imposed burdensome requirements and restrictions on mobilehome park conversions to resident ownership (subdivisions).

Among other conditions, the court invalidated the City's requirement that an Applicant obtain a new Conditional Use Permit and comply with the City's General Plan and zoning requirements. The Ordinance also illegally required majority resident support. The court struck the entire Ordinance, finding that no part of it was legal.

Cities are finally realizing that state law pre-empts local interference in the conversion process, and residents are realizing that they need to work with park owners to accomplish mutual goals.

This is the ninth Writ Attorney Tom Casparian has won invalidating attempts by cities state-wide to deny, block or impose illegal conditions on conversions. Courts in Los Angeles County, Santa Barbara County, San Mateo County, Riverside County and San Bernardino County have all confirmed that local governments may not delay, deny nor condition mobile home park conversions/subdivisions.

If you have any questions, please call Susy Forbath at (310) 393-4000.