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U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Chaldean Coalition Argument on San Diego County Redistricting Maps

On March 2, 2026, the United States Supreme Court denied a petition to review the California Court of Appeal decision rejecting the Chaldean Coalition's attack on the supervisorial maps adopted by the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) in 2021. In April 2025, the California Supreme Court also refused to review the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Appellate District's decision affirming the trial court's decision in 2023 to uphold the IRC maps.

The IRC is gratified that every court that has examined this issue confirmed the validity of the IRC maps and the integrity of the Commission's mapping process that included receiving public input on virtually every aspect of the IRC's redistricting work. The two lower courts' rulings affirming the maps remain undisturbed. As the trial court noted in 2023, "the IRC commendably performed a difficult and complex task in weighing the multitude of factors that go into establishing a fair redistricting."

The IRC regrets that the Chaldean Coalition's repeated unsuccessful attempts challenging the integrity of the IRC and its redistricting work cost County taxpayers at least \$634,000 in legal costs and fees. The California Court of Appeal found that these expenses should be covered by the Chaldean Coalition. The IRC calls on the Chaldean Coalition and its supporters to reimburse the County for these expenses, as ordered by the Court.

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- Link to U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding *Chaldean Coalition v. the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission* (may require cut-and-paste to a web browser): <https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/25-577.html>
- IRC web page: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting.html>