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## **Costa Mesa's outsourcing scheme hits another roadblock**

**SANTA ANA** In another incremental victory for Costa Mesa employees, a Superior Court Judge on Tuesday afternoon rejected the City of Costa Mesa's motion to dismiss two of the four causes of action in a lawsuit challenging the layoffs of nearly half the City's workforce.

"The employees are grateful that calmer and more reasoned minds continue to prevail over the politically motivated agenda of the City Council majority," said Helen Nenadal, President of the Costa Mesa City Employees Association.

More than 200 Costa Mesa employees received six-month layoff notices in March after the City Council voted to outsource their jobs. In May, the Costa Mesa City Employees Association filed a lawsuit to block the layoffs and outsourcing. Orange County Superior Court Judge Tam Nomoto Schumann issued a preliminary injunction in July halting the layoffs and prohibiting the City from outsourcing to private contractors.

Judge Schumann's ruling on Tuesday does not affect the preliminary injunction. A trial is scheduled to begin April 9.