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Eden Township Healthcare Board Votes to Approach Supreme Court

Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 4, in a special meeting and voted 3 to 1 in favor of requesting a review by the California Supreme Court of the recent decision by the Court of Appeals regarding the Sutter Health - ETHD dispute.

On December 21, 2011, the Court of Appeals of California, First District, Division One upheld the trial court's judgment in favor of Sutter Health. In the litigation, the District has contested the validity of an option Sutter had acquired in a 2008 lease arrangement. Sutter had attempted to exercise the option to acquire San Leandro Hospital, and convert it from an acute care emergency service facility to an acute rehabilitation center. It was the December 21st Appeals Court ruling that prompted the board's decision to file with the California Supreme Court. ETHD Board Chair Carole Rogers expressed the District's disappointment in the Court of Appeals decision. "Our appeal of the trial court's decision was joined and supported by the California Attorney General. We believe the Supreme Court will ultimately rule that the District and the Attorney General are correct and that the 2008 option by which Sutter hopes to close San Leandro Hospital is invalid."

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The Eden Township Healthcare District is focused on meeting the healthcare needs of the community, both through medical services and by investing in the health and well-being of the community.

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