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### **JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF GLENDALE'S ANNEXATION CASE**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Superior Court of the State of Arizona has handed down a ruling in favor of the city of Glendale against the city of El Mirage.

In 1978, Glendale strip annexed some property in the area of Luke Air Force Base with the intent of protecting the base and supporting its mission. In 1995, Glendale annexed Luke Air Force Base for the same purpose.

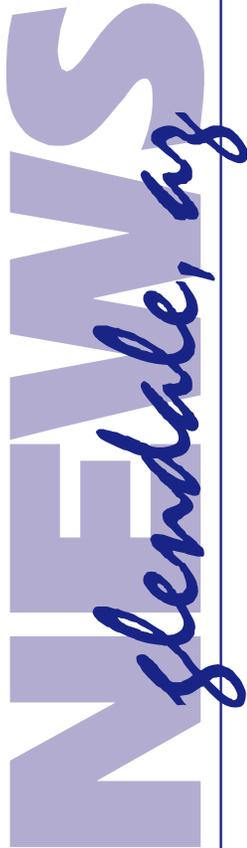
Since 1978, El Mirage has not challenged the validity of these two annexations until the lawsuit, which was filed in 2005. El Mirage alleged that Glendale violated the Arizona Open Meeting Law 28 years ago.

The court found that El Mirage acknowledged the validity of Glendale's annexation since 1978 and that Glendale planned and acted in reliance on this acknowledgment.

In addition, the court found that El Mirage failed to investigate or challenge the validity of the 1978 annexation and that fairness now precludes them from doing so.

"We are pleased with the court's decision," said Glendale city attorney Nick DiPiazza. "This decision furthers Glendale's efforts to support Luke Air Force Base from future encroachment."

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