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Judicial Council of California Attn: Invitations to Comment Administrative Office of the Courts 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Comment on Strategic Evaluation Committee Report, Item SP12-05 Submitted by the Council of California County Law Libraries (CCCLL)

The Council of California County Law Libraries (CCCLL) is made up of the directors of the 42 counties with county law libraries. Collectively and individually the county law libraries play a vital role in providing access to justice through access to legal information. In several county law libraries, the self-help center is located in the law library; most of the other county law libraries work closely with their self-help centers to provide access to justice, especially for pro se litigants. We remain committed to working with the Judicial Council and others to ensure that all California residents have access to the legal information they need to fully participate in the legal process.

We offer only one comment to the report, to suggest that the AOC might play a role in collecting and sharing some best practices for the individual superior courts to track waived fee cases and collect those waived fees subsequently when appropriate (e.g., the party receiving a fee waiver later prevails and receives a judgment from which the waived fee could be paid.) All entities funded by civil filing fees would benefit from consistent collection of waived fees when it becomes appropriate later in the process of a case.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Strategic Evaluation Committee Report.

Sincerely,

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