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I wish to express my appreciation to Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, and the members of the Strategic Evaluation Committee for their initiative, hard work, and dedication in objectively evaluating the steps and missteps of the AOC in these unprecedented times of fiscal crisis, and massive Judiciary budget cuts.

The Report, all 300 pages of it was produced by an unbiased committee of 14 judges appointed by the Chief Justice, representing a true cross section of the entire State Judiciary.

The Report is comprehensive and sound, noting the tension between the authority of the AOC, and the autonomy of local courts ( pp.4, 34), caused in large measure, in my opinion by the AOC's lack of transparency, lack of credibility, and wasteful spending culminating in the one half billion dollar CCMS debacle.

We are in a crisis. It is time for leaders to lead, and fully embrace the SEC recommendations without delay.