

Item SP12-05 Response Form

Title: Strategic Evaluation Committee Report

The Strategic Evaluation Committee (SEC) was appointed by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye in March 2011 to conduct an in-depth review of the AOC with a view toward promoting transparency, accountability, and efficiency. The Chief Justice received the report and recommendations on May 25. At its meeting on June 21, 2012, the Judicial Council accepted the report and directed that it be posted for public comment for 30 days. Comments received will be considered public and posted by name and organization.

PLEASE NOTE that all comments will be posted to the branch web site at www.courts.ca.gov as submitted by the commentator as soon as reasonably possible after receipt.

To Submit Comments

Comments may be entered on this form or prepared in a letter format. If you are *not* submitting your comments directly on this form, please include the information requested below and the proposal number for identification purposes. Because all comments will be posted as submitted to the branch web site, please submit your comments by email, preferably as an attachment, to: invitations@jud.ca.gov

Please include the following information:

Name: Michelle Williams Court **Title:** Judge

Organization: Los Angeles Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: I fully support the SEC Report comments submitted by the Los Angeles Superior Court. The SEC Report is thorough and thoughtful. Many thanks to the Chief Justice and to the members of the Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number: Of particular importance are the recommendations made in Chapters 4 and 7. Regarding the Chapter 4 recommendations, Judicial Council oversight of the AOC is critical to ensuring the AOC and the work it does serves the Council, the courts, and the public to its maximum potential. Regarding the Chapter 7 recommendations concerning the Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC), I strongly support efforts to integrate the CFCC into an overall management structure. The programs managed by the CFCC touch the lives of some of the most vulnerable users of the court system. Implementation of this recommendation should be made deliberatively and with significant input from the courts and community stakeholders.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENT: 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012

All comments will become part of the public record.