

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: Greta Curtis Fall **Title:** Superior Court Judge

Organization: Sacramento Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment:

The Strategic Evaluation Committee was selected by the Chief Justice to conduct a review of the Administrative Office of the Courts and to make recommendations for improving efficiency, transparency and fiscal responsibility. The committee undertook this task and the report reflects that they discharged their assignment fairly, diligently and thoroughly. THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL SHOULD IMPLEMENT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. The Administrative Office of the Courts should perform the services designated by statute. There is no question that Judges, not AOC staffers, should be running the judiciary and the disastrous situation we find ourselves in is the result of an arrogant and dismissive attitude that was displayed towards judges and others who were seeking important and needed reforms. In discussions with many of my colleagues we are perplexed why this comment period is even necessary. How many times does our leadership have to be given the same answers? In order to restore dignity and respect to our branch I request that the recommended changes be put in to place immediately. Thank you.

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

All comments will become part of the public record.