

To: Judicial Council  
From: Judge George Genesta  
Los Angeles County Superior Court  
SUBJECT: Strategic Evaluations Committee Recommendations

I read the entire report of the Strategic Evaluations Committee regarding reforming the Administrative Office of the Courts. The committee members should be lauded for their work product. Their report was both detailed and comprehensive. It was well documented. The quality of the report stands on its own and it is the best case for immediate implementation. Secondly, the committee was hand picked by the Chief Justice. For that reason alone the Judicial Council should rely on the good judgment of the committee members in accepting the recommendations and implementing same without further delay.

The misconstrued mission of the AOC as managing judges and creating court policy in the guise of creating uniformity of court governance without *any* meaningful oversight of the Judicial Council is now exposed not in rhetoric but in fact. By passing the SEC recommendations to another committee for further evaluation this Judicial Council is following the well worn path of its predecessor Judicial Councils' by failing to actually exercise governance. SEC committee members' leadership is a profile in courage when contrasted to the duck and evade posture of this Judicial Council.

Leadership requires one to lead. The Judicial Council should have actually decided as individual members and as a body to accept in whole or in part the SEC recommendations. The SEC report amply details the Judicial Council's failure to provide meaningful oversight of the AOC since its inception and this Judicial Council's failure to take any meaningful action continues to substantiate the SEC criticism.

I call upon the Judicial Council to take responsibility for court governance and immediately endorse and implement the SEC recommendations.