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To: Invitations
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Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, Justice Miller, and Members of the Judicial Council:

This email is in response to your invitation for comments about the SEC Report.

I am a trial judge with the Los Angeles Superior Court. I have read several summaries of the SEC report and excerpts from it. I am personally acquainted with, and highly respect, some of the SEC members who prepared this report. Clearly, members of the SEC--who were, after all, appointed by the Chief Justice--are distinguished individuals who dedicated many hours of their time to respond to her request for evaluation and review of the AOC. Their in-depth analysis resulted in a superb report with recommendations which are fully supported by objective facts and, frankly, by common sense. I fail to understand why the Council's response to this report was to send it out for more comment. This never ending cycle of study, comment and review appears to be nothing more than a transparent attempt to delay any meaningful steps to resolve the critical situations addressed in the report.

I urge the Judicial Council to immediately take action to endorse the findings and the report of the SEC, implement all recommendations made in the SEC report, and take action to allow the judicial members of the Judicial Council to be democratically elected by their peers.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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