

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.

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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:

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Organization: Los Angeles Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: Will Rogers once said: "When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging." While I recognize and applaud the efforts of the AOC and the Judicial Council in their sincere attempts to improve our state's judicial system, it is painfully clear by the SEC Report that these attempts, in considerable part, have been misguided and/or ineffective. Clearly, reform is needed. It simply stretches one's credulity to suggest otherwise.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number: I would strongly urge the Judicial Council to adopt each and every recommendation made in the SEC Report. It is a thorough, calm, well-reasoned and realistic approach in solving our current problems. The Council should stop attempting to dig their way out of this hole. Instead, let us all work together and start building a consensus and a commitment for the adoption and implementation of these sorely-needed reforms.

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

All comments will become part of the public record.