

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: Steven M. Katz **Title:** Superior Court Judge

Organization: Kern County Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: I have read and considered SEC report. All of the Committee's comments and recommendations are spot on. The proposed changes would be welcome during any times, especially to place the AOC in it's historic and proper relationship to the Judicial Officers, local court employees and the public that the AOC is tasked to serve. Yet, during these dire budgetary times for our branch and our state it is imperative that we implement the proposed changes to make our branch of government more efficient. I urge the Judicial Council to adopt all of the SEC recommendations. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my point of view.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number _____:

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

All comments will become part of the public record.