

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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Please include the following information:

Name: Roger L. Lund **Title:** Superior Court Judge

Organization: Superior Court of California, County of Ventura

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: I strongly urge the Executive and Planning Committee, the Chief Justice, and the Judicial Council to immediately implement each and every recommendation of the Strategic Evaluation Committee. As a newer judge, I have watched quietly from the sidelines for the past few years to try to determine what the proper course of action would be. The report sets forth numerous bold and clear reforms that, if implemented, would begin to restore credibility to the Judicial Council as a governing body and the AOC as an effective institution supporting the judiciary. These reforms also would begin to restore credibility to the branch leadership with the judges around the state and the other branches of government with whom we interact. To do nothing would only prove that the Judicial Council is incapable of reforming the body over which it should preside, and perpetuate a bureaucracy of uncontrolled overindulgence that is now the AOC, with the result that courts across the state are closing and unavailable to allow access to justice by the many deserving citizens of our communities. The members of the SEC should be rewarded for their countless hours of hard work by implementing all of the reforms forthwith.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number:

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