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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a superior court judge in San Diego County. I am writing this to urge you to immediately implement each recommendation of the Strategic Evaluation Committee. In particular, it is crucial to the survival of our courts that the AOC be reduced as the report recommends.

Over the years the AOC has expanded so that now it is, in effect, leading and controlling our courts. It is patently absurd that its number of employees has increased so dramatically and equally absurd that the number of employees has continued to be a moving target. Further, it defies common sense that the AOC has over 100 attorneys, but yet has to retain outside counsel for its litigation. It is also incredible that a large percentage of attorneys (and other staff) are allowed to telecommute, even one from so far as Switzerland. Our attorneys are not even allowed to work from home.

The CCMS project has been a money pit with little reward. It is unfortunate that now the court system, including its employees, have to suffer for the mismanagement and ill-planned system. That huge waste of money could certainly have saved our courts from the impending implosion.

We have a supreme court, the AOC and the judicial council housed in beautiful offices in San Francisco. It is a mystery to many of us why they cannot conduct their business in Sacramento at a much lower cost. Certainly whatever offices they own in that city could be leased out at a profit.

These are very small examples of the mismanagement that has harmed the judicial branch.

It is essential that the Judicial Council substantially rein in the AOC by adopting in total the recommendations of the SEC Report.

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