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Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye,

I am writing to express my support for the recommendations made by the Strategic Evaluation Committee in its recent Report On The Administrative Office Of The Courts and am requesting the Judicial Council begin the implementation of those recommendations immediately. This well thought out report is the product of over one year of work and study by a distinguished panel of judges and advisors. It is not a report that should be cast aside simply because it has been portrayed as a snapshot in time with assurances from the AOC that it is self-policing itself by making necessary changes in its operation.

Some may suggest that the type of changes recommended will take time to implement. While that may be true with some individual changes, many of the recommendations can begin to take place immediately. In addition, as evidenced by the swift response by the AOC to this SEC report, we know the AOC can complete tasks quickly when motivated.

Given the bleak budget times and the imminent selection of a new director of the AOC, this is the time for the Judicial Council to act to reinvent the AOC. With new AOC leadership and a new direction as set by the Judicial Council, the AOC can become an effective organization that serves the needs of the judicial branch of government. I am requesting that the Judicial Council, under your leadership, not allow this historic opportunity to pass without making significant changes to the AOC.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL G. BUSH
Presiding Judge
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cc: Members of the Judicial Council