

## 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:** PAUL MARIGONDA    **Title:** JUDGE

**Organization:** SANTA CRUZ SUPERIOR COURT

**Commenting on behalf of an organization**

*General Comment:*

I have read the SEC report and commend the hard work of the committee in preparing this report. It presents an opportunity for positive change at the AOC that will hopefully improve the relationship between the AOC, Judicial Council, and the trial courts. The SEC report comes at a time when we are in the midst of an unprecedented budget crisis in California that affects every facet of our state and local governments, including, unfortunately, the court system. We are now left fighting for the same state funding that other constituencies, such as our schools and universities, expect to receive. With its many thoughtful recommendations, the SEC report should be considered the framework for discussion and evaluation by the Judicial Council to make appropriate changes to the AOC and most importantly, to strengthen the judicial branch overall.

*Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number :*

<b>DEADLINE FOR COMMENT: 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012</b>
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