

Public Comment of Retired Judge Andria K Richey in Support of Full Implementation of the Recommendations of the Chief Justice's Strategic Evaluation Committee (Item SP12-05)

Dear Justice Miller, Justice Cantil-Sakauye, members of the Judicial Council and the Strategic Evaluation Committee:

I am a former judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, and have been serving as an Assigned Judge for the last four years. I write to urge the Executive and Planning Committee, the Chief Justice, and the Judicial Council to immediately undertake implementation of every recommendation of the Strategic Evaluation Committee. The report of this committee, convened by the Chief Justice, is a thorough and exhaustive review of the Administrative Office of the Courts and its recommendations are laudable and complete.

I believe the SEC members took their task seriously. The results of that study include roughly 150 separate and well documented recommendations for change. We as a branch must make those changes now. We have no need of further study or comment. These issues are not new, nor are they very complicated. If we fail to act on these recommendations, we risk further erosion of the public trust and no doubt even more scrutiny by the legislature.

Respectfully submitted.

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