

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: Michelle R. Rosenblatt **Title:** Judge

Organization: Los Angeles Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: I support the core recommendations of the SEC Report. The detail and thought with which this committee investigated and presented their recommendations and the reasons for their recommendations is worthy of the recognition of our Judicial Council. As our Branch becomes leaner, given our dire budgetary circumstances, so too should the AOC consider ways to become leaner and more efficient. Further, recognizing the concept that the AOC should be transparent and accountable would be a positive step toward keeping our Branch strong.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number: Page 54 of the SEC contains a proposed revised operational flowchart. I would ask that this be studied and considered. Specifically, I support placing the Judicial Council at the top of the flowchart.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENT: 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 22, 2012

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