

## 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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### **To Submit Comments**

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Please include the following information:

**Name:** Cory Woodward    **Title:** Judge

**Organization:** Kern County Superior Court

**Commenting on behalf of an organization**

*General Comment:* I have reviewed the report of the Strategic Evaluation Committee and strongly support all of its recommendations. The administration of justice should always be viewed from the local courthouse perspective. The AOC was created to be a service provider for the California judiciary who are elected and independent constitutional officers. The AOC was not designed to oversee and control the local courthouses. It is clear that the legislative branch and the judicial branch of California has independently concluded that the AOC has lost its purpose and abused the powers originally given. The Council must take action consistent with the recommendations to maintain credibility in our State.

*Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number \_\_\_\_\_:*

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