Please accept this email as my comments on the Judicial Council's request for public comment on the Report and Recommendations of the Strategic Evaluation Committee.

I have reviewed the comments of the Los Angeles Superior Court consisting of 14 pages, and I join in their request that the Judicial Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts implement the recommendations of the SEC. I base my comments on the following information from the response of the LA Superior Court:

1. This was a very thorough study consisting of 14 months of work.

2. The report of the SEC is both thorough and responsive to the criticisms of the Judicial Branch.

3. The report constitutes the unanimous judgment of the members of the Committee.

4. The report does not denigrate the work of the AOC that is provided to our courts.

5. The investigation was thorough and not based on anecdotal evidence. I noted the comment of Judge Charges Wachob, the Chair of the SEC, who said: "Any reasonable cross-section of a dozen Judges in California, when confronted with the same information that we were given would have come to probably 95% of the same recommendations."

6. On pages 9 and 10 of the comments of the Los Angeles Superior Court, a number of unacceptable AOC business practices were listed. As someone who practiced law for almost 35 years before my appointment to the bench 3 years ago, I have some experience with management and the 16 deficiencies raised significant concerns. It is for that reason that I join in the conclusion of the Los Angeles Superior Court that the Judicial Council and the AOC must follow through on all of the report's recommendations.

I respect the findings of the SEC and the comments from our court here in Los Angeles and ask that you please implement the recommendations for the best interest of the Court and the people of California. Thank you.

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