

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: Hon. Matthew P. Guasco **Title:** Judge

Organization: Ventura County Superior Court

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment: I am impressed with the breadth, depth and thoughtfulness of the SEC's work and recommendations. I am generally supportive of all of the recommendations, although I urge caution concerning the timing and scope of their implementation given the already fragile state of trial court funding and operations. Additionally, I urge the Judicial Council to retain the core educational programming provided by the AOC, which I find to be of very high quality and value. Finally, I hope that whatever cost savings and efficiencies will be achieved by implementation of the SEC's recommendations will inure to the benefit of trial court operations and judicial staff. The latter have endured far too much in the way of job insecurity and lost income due to furloughs given their invaluable contributions to our operations on a daily basis.

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