

Item SP12-05 Response Form

Title:	Strategic Evaluation Committee Report
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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: RAOUL M. THORBOURNE **Title:** JUDGE

Organization: SACRAMENTO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

General Comment: I have taken my time in reviewing the very well written, thoughtful, and comprehensive report prepared by the SEC Committee. While I stop short of recommending that all recommendations be immediately implemented (some deal with a level of detail that I would need to be better informed about before commenting), I strongly believe that those dealing with budgets, the organizational relationship between the AOC and the Council, and others that touch upon these two broad categories ought to be immediately implemented.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number: Specifically, I believe the following recommendations should be immediately implemented: Chapters 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 in their entirety; recommendations 7-1 and 7-2, 7-25 through 7-31, 7-43 through 7-51, 7-57 through 7-70, and 7-84 through 7-87.

I wish to commend the Chief for having the foresight and courage to recognize the need for major reform in the operational structure of our court system and for the dedicated hard work of the SEC committee members. Setting aside any residual rancor and distrust, let us move forward in a cooperative and collegial spirit to ensure that we

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institute these necessary reforms as quickly as practicable. The people of the State of California are counting on us all.

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