

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

Comments may be entered on this form or prepared in a letter format. If you are *not* submitting your comments directly on this form, please include the information requested below and the proposal number for identification purposes. Because all comments will be posted as submitted to the branch web site, please submit your comments by email, preferably as an attachment, to: invitations@jud.ca.gov

Please include the following information:

Name: Hon. Brian C. Walsh **Title:** Assistant Presiding Judge

Organization: Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

Commenting on behalf of an organization

General Comment:

I want to compliment the SEC for its excellent and thorough report.

I particularly agree with SEC Rec No. 4-1: “The Judicial Council must take an active role in overseeing and monitoring the AOC....”

Consistent with that role, the Judicial Council must fully evaluate the SEC recommendations and make the ultimate decision on each and every one of them. It would be a contradiction of the leadership role urged by the report for the Council to simply accept and implement the SEC recommendations without further consideration.

The Council must undertake this task quickly, but the Council must make these important decisions. Thank you.

Specific Comment - Recommendation/Chapter Number:

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

All comments will become part of the public record.