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The Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice
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Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye:

I write concerning the recommendations made by the Strategic Evaluation Committee (SEC) with respect to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). In so doing I want to advise you that the Administrative Presiding Justices of the California Courts of Appeal unanimously endorse the thoughts set forth by Presiding Justice Judith D. McConnell in her letter to you of June 15, 2012. In that letter she in part commented on the significant administrative support the AOC provides for the appellate courts including legal services, payroll, human resources, education, legislative information and advocacy, information services, court-appointed counsel, and other functions.

In brief, further AOC staff reductions related to the operations of the courts of review could potentially compromise essential services and severely implicate the delivery of justice.

Very truly yours,

William R. McGuinness
Administrative Presiding Justice

cc: Administrative Presiding Justices
Jody Patel, Interim Administrative Director