

A photograph of the California State Capitol building in Sacramento, featuring its iconic white dome and classical columns, with palm trees in the foreground under a clear blue sky.

# 2026 Legislative Priorities

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# Recommendations for 2026

- Pursue sufficient funding to
  - Address annual cost increases and plan for the future
  - Improve physical, online, and cyber security
- Advocate for sufficient resources to improve physical access and increase remote access to the courts
- Continue to implement innovations in programs and services

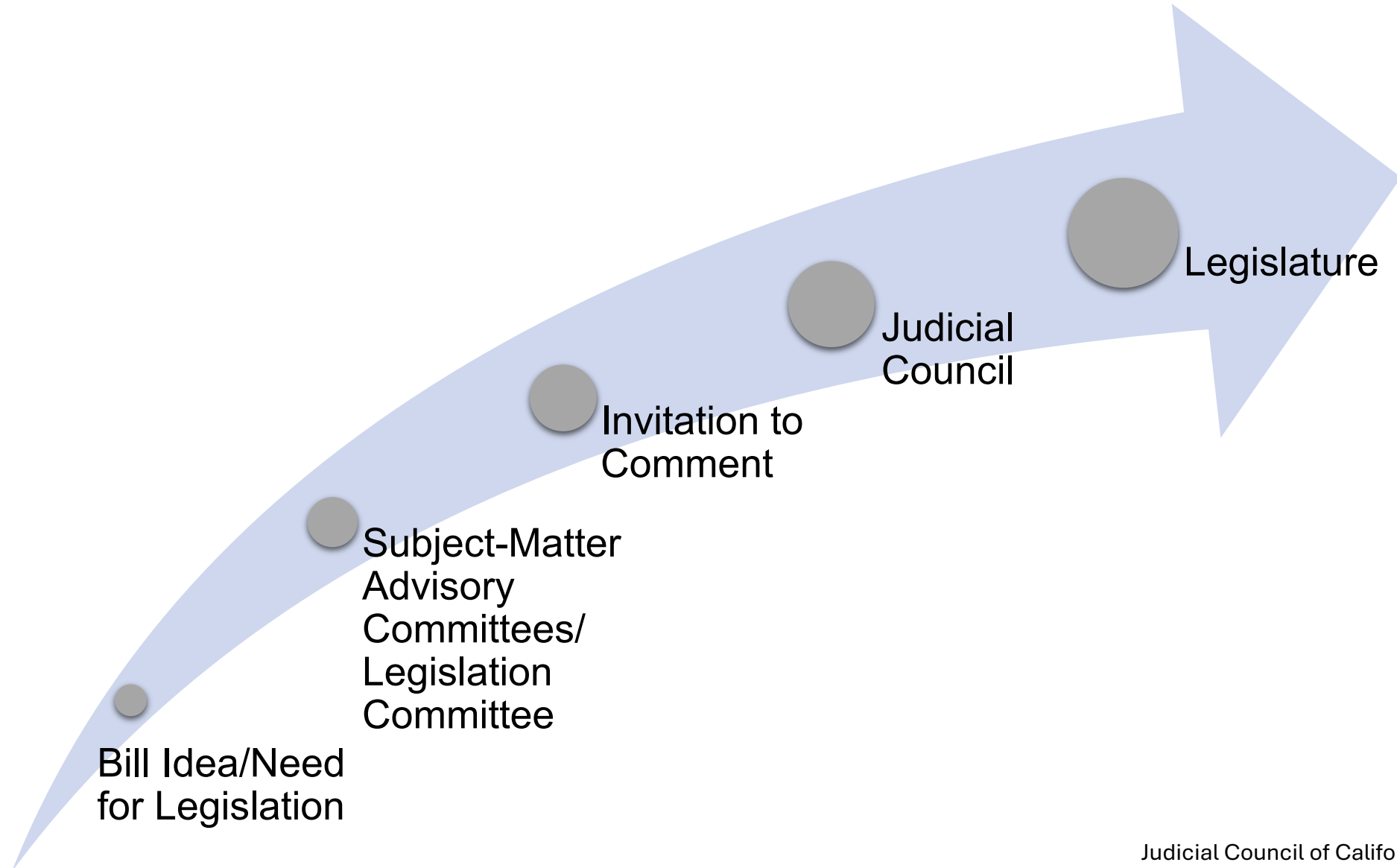
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- Seek funding for needed judgeships
- Sponsor/support legislation to improve judicial branch operational efficiencies including cost savings
- Promote the availability of verbatim records of proceedings by working to address court reporter shortages using all available tools

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- Seek legislative authorization for the disposition of any unused courthouses
- Delegate authority to the Legislation Committee to take positions on behalf of the Judicial Council on proposed legislation, administrative rules or regulations, and proposals by other bodies or agencies

# JUDICIAL COUNCIL-SPONSORED LEGISLATION





# Context for 2026 Legislation Priorities

- Further the objectives of the Strategic Plan for California's Judicial Branch and the mission of the Judicial Council
- Advance the mission of the Judicial Council:  
*Improve the quality and advance the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice in California*

# Questions?