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>> We have confirmed attendance of a quorum. We plan to adjourn at about 10:45 this morning. This month's Judicial Council meeting is being held virtually with all members participating through videoconference. Our branch up to and including our Supreme Court has continued to use remote technology as needed in order to stay adaptable to circumstances as well as accessible to the public while maintaining integrity of our business meeting and judicial proceedings. Because we are remote, remember to mute your microphones when not speaking. I have the pleasure of starting the meeting on a very special note. I want to start by acknowledging and thanking Judge Marla Anderson for her service. Today is Judge Anderson's last meeting as a Judicial Council member. She will retire next month after nearly 30 years as a Monterey County judge and a decade of service to our Judicial Council, including representing the council in the capital as our chair at the Legislation Committee. She has played a crucial role in leading important statewide reforms that have improved the fair and impartial administration of justice for all Californians. A few of these reforms include the following: the use of remote hearing to preserve access to justice in our courts, new training for judges on implicit bias, important legislation to prohibit peremptory challenges from being used to discriminate against potential jurors, negotiating provisions of the CARE Act and Racial Justice Act, and advocating for policy changes to address the shortage of court reporters. Through her tireless commitment to public service, and her personal warmth and compassion, Judge Anderson has made a lasting impact in our judicial branch and the communities that we serve. We are grateful for Judge Anderson's exceptional leadership and commitment to our judiciary, and we wish her the best in her retirement. I wish we were in person to personally congratulate her, but we will have an opportunity to do that at a later time. I would like to open it up to our council members to add their comments and good wishes for Judge Anderson.

>> If I may jump in here, I have to say I have had the pleasure of working with Judge Anderson over a great many years, and her contributions and tireless work on behalf of the branch have truly been remarkable. As particular pleasures to each of us, her friendship has been a joy. I didn't see this one coming, although I should have suspected something when she mentioned she had started to taking golf lessons. Judge, may you almost always hit them long and straight.

>> This is Kyle Brodie. If I could say, one of the great privileges about being a judge at all and certainly about serving on the Judicial Council is you get to work with amazing people, and I don't think anyone is higher on that list than Judge Anderson. She is a great friend, a tireless advocate. The amount of work she has done, a lot of it behind the scenes and not probably immediately apparent to the judicial branch, it has kept us in such a good place, and she has

really built such strong relationships with the Legislature and it has been invaluable and I will miss her a great deal on a personal level and professional level as well. Congratulations to her. Happy for her, sad for us.

>> Thank you, Judge Brodie.

>> Am I on?

>> I will ask anybody not speaking to please mute their microphone.

>> I wanted to say, as a new counsel number, Judge Anderson, you are so warm and welcoming, and it was so important to me that I had you to turn to to trust and to confide in. Thank you very much for all your work for the council. Thank you for making me feel comfortable in my role, and I wish you the very best. And I hope you will come back and visit. Thank you.

>> Thank you. I have next Judith Dulcich.

>> We met when we began on that proud committee. I want to thank you for being such a great role model and such a great leader of the judiciary. I have learned so much from you. I'm so sad you are going, but congratulations on your retirement and I can't wait to hear about your new chapter.

>> Thank you. I will turn it over to Judge Yew.

>> Judge Anderson, as the president of the California Judges Association, I speak on behalf of our 2,500 members. You have shown such grace under pressure, such kindness, and such patience with our organization when you come to all of our board meetings and fill us in and guide us with your wisdom. Congratulations. I'm so happy for you, but we will miss you. Thank you for everything.

>> Thank you. Senator Umberg.

>> Thank you, Judge Anderson. You have had the thankless task of wrestling with the Legislature over the last few years, and you have been very successful. I appreciate your passion. Condolences to your successor. Best of luck in your future successes.

>> Thank you, senator.

>> Justice Fujisaki.

>> It's easy to see from all of these heartfelt comments that Judge Marla Anderson has earned the respect and admiration of the Chief Justice and everyone else on the council. On a personal

note, I want to add that I deeply appreciate the time and care she took to mentor me when I first joined the council and her ongoing advice and counsel. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been graced with her exceptional warmth and thoughtfulness. I wish I could come give you a hug in person right now, but that will happen later. For now, I just wish you all the best and I know you will make the most out of retirement.

>> Thank you. Judge Moorman?

>> Yes, good morning, thank you, Chief, and good morning, everyone. I second all the comments that have been made, and I want to say to Judge Anderson, one of the best things you can do as a leader is leave behind a good succession plan, and you have been an extraordinary teacher to all of us and to me personally. I have been in meetings with you where we had to make very difficult decisions and recommendations, and you guided us through conversations that were very difficult for many reasons and you are a master at problem-solving. You do it gracefully. You do it with an extraordinary amount of emotional and intellectual intelligence. I will miss you. I join Justice Corrigan in wishing you to hit the ball long and straight. They have some good golf courses in Monterey so enjoy. You deserve it. Thank you. We will miss you and I'm glad we are not in person because I would probably be tearing up, but you deserve it. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Judge Hernandez?

>> Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Chief. Judge Anderson, I know she won't remember this, but I want to thank you for all of your grace. I recall 18 years ago as a new bench officer sitting and listening to you. We talk about what role models are and especially in the judiciary and breaking all the glass ceilings and doing it with such grace. We are going to miss you so much. Your legacy will absolutely live with all of us. Thank you so much.

>> Thank you. Mr. Fu?

>> Thank you so much, Judge Anderson, for the great privilege to serve with you on your Legislation Committee for two of the last three years. I was amazed by your encyclopedic knowledge and grasp of the subtleties of the work that we do in advancing legislation that will help to aid the service and access to justice to Californians. In my second year on the council, I was not assigned to your committee, and I thought, what did I do wrong? Why am I getting penalized like this? I missed Judge Anderson so much. My third year I got to come back. And so it has been a lot of highs and lows in our relationship. I'm going to miss you very much. I certainly wish you well in all your endeavors.

>> Thank you. Judge Armendariz?

>> Thank you so much. I can't even imagine the Judicial Council without you. You exemplify what you always preach. I use your saying a lot, that it's not a robe of royalty but a robe of

service and you exemplify your motto that I use all the time. The word that comes to mind is grace. You are so wise, and you just have this ability to explain complicated things in very normal terms that everybody understands. You are going to be sorely missed.

>> Thank you. Ms. Nelson?

>> Thank you, Chief. Good morning, and I just want to say, say it ain't so. You, Judge Anderson, were so gracious and kind to me, and you and Stacy took me under your wing when I first joined the Judicial Council and I enjoyed so much all of the work we have done together. You are an amazing woman. I don't know anything about golf, but I know about rodeos, and I hear they have a good rodeo in Monterey. So, here is hoping you have eights coming out of the gate.

>> Thank you. Next, Mr. Yamasaki.

>> Thank you very much, Chief. Thank you so very much, Judge Anderson. I have known you for virtually the entire time that I have been a CEO in this state. And one of the things that is remarkable about yourself that I have picked up on is the amazing finesse that you extend to every issue that has been placed in your hands. You have been able to achieve incredible, convincing support for any of the issues that have been troubling the trial courts. You have absolutely elevated this particular office, and it has been a privilege knowing and working with you. Thank you so very much.

>> Thank you. Judge Bottke?

>> Marla, I just wanted to say I learned from you. I tried to speak last but Judge Court beat me to it. I can incorporate my reference all the wonderful things that people said. I'm going to miss teaching with you and working with you and I hope the very best for you in retirement. Best of luck.

>> Thank you. And Judge Court.

>> Judge Bottke, I did not mean to beat you to the punch. I've just been listening very intently about all of the accolades and memories that people have been expressing. Judge Anderson, you probably don't remember this, but we met for the first time back in 2012 at my New Judge Orientation. I remember pretty much everything you said. I remember where I was sitting in that room because you really inspired me to try to reach outside my comfort zone and look for new and creative ways to be of service to the branch as a whole as well as to the community in which I sit. I recently had the pleasure of introducing you to a class of new judges at a New Judge Orientation that I was teaching a few weeks ago. After that, I had several of the judges in my group ask me questions about ways that they can contribute, and it showed you really inspired that entire group. I can't help but think of the legions of judges that you have inspired

and that you have seated our judicial pipeline with. For that I will be forever grateful. I'm grateful for your friendship, mentorship, and support. I wish you the best in your retirement.

>> Thank you. I don't see any other hands up, but Judge Anderson, I'm not sure if I can put you on the spot if you would like to say anything.

>> I sure would. First and foremost, thank you so much, Chief, for the opportunity to work alongside you and to work for you. It has been an opportunity of a lifetime to first wear the robe of service as a judge. That has always been my motto—to wear a robe of service and not of royalty, because if you do think of it as service and that you are a servant leader, you will have the passion for the people and hopefully if you have a passion for the people, that will come through. I'm taking all of the wonderful comments that everyone has made, that they have seen the passion for the people. And it's not about me but about the passion that I have to serve and to serve people. And my mom always told me, always make sure you have added value when in an environment. Be useful, be helpful, serve people, and I hope I have done that. And I think it has been an opportunity of a lifetime to be able to not only be a judge but also a member of the council, to advance the cause of an equal, fair, accessible, diverse, and inclusive justice system for all Californians. I hope that every friendship that I have made along the way will continue. I hope to see everyone in a different role, and yes, I hope I hit it long and straight. Gretchen, I haven't participated in a rodeo, but I have done a roundup so I do know how to do those things associated with the roundup. That took quite a bit, but nonetheless, thank you to all of you for your wonderful comments. Thank you for the ability to serve next to you. I would like to shout out to staff—I think you are probably the most amazing public servants that there are that are out there. All of you who have worked with the Judicial Council, thank you so much, because you are the wind beneath all of our wings. We can't do what we do without staff and without their support and without them assisting us and moving forward and implementing those policies that we put forward in the council. Again, Chief, thank you so much. It has been an honor and a privilege. It's time to retire. But it has been an opportunity of a lifetime. Thank you, everyone.

>> Thank you so much, Judge Anderson. I don't know if it is a rodeo, on the golf course, wherever it is, I have no doubt you will continue to excel and I'm sure your mother would be very proud of the value you have added everywhere you go. Thank you. And now for public comment, I will turn it over to Justice Hill.

>> Thank you very much. We will now begin the public comment section of the meeting during which members of the public are provided with an opportunity to speak on general matters of judicial administration or specific agenda items. Today's meeting, including public comment, is livestreamed and the recording will be available to the public online. Although our meeting today is being held remotely, members of the public were given the opportunity to speak either remotely or in person in the Judicial Council office in San Francisco. Please be reminded that the Judicial Council is not an adjudicatory body. The council is not authorized to intervene on behalf of the party in a case, and rather concerns as to substantive rulings in a case may be

addressed through the appropriate procedural mechanisms. We request that you refrain from speaking about specific cases and the individuals involved, including court personnel and parties. Our staff will begin by calling the speakers who are in attendance in person in San Francisco. And then the staff will proceed to call the names of those speakers appearing remotely. I would like to just remind the remote speakers to keep your cameras off and remain on mute until your name is called. All speakers will have up to three minutes to present their comments. Let's turn first to those attending in person. Do we have anyone? I will turn to Donna for an update as to whether anyone is in our San Francisco office. Donna?

>> Justice Hill, this is Amber. We do not have any in-person public comment. We have one remote speaker.

>> Thank you very much. At this point, we will hear the remote public comment. When your name is called, please turn on your camera, unmute your microphone, and begin by stating your name and if appropriate, your title and affiliation. A time is displayed on the screen to help you keep track of your allotted time and you will have a warning when you have 10 seconds remaining. Amber, if you could call the first speaker.

>> Thank you. We have one speaker today, Ms. Beth de Araújo. Please unmute and turn on your camera.

>> Hello.

>> Thank you for joining us.

>> Thank you so much. My name is Beth de Araújo. I guess my title is filmmaker. Thank you for your time today. I'm a filmmaker, specifically a writer and director. I'm also a San Francisco native. I'm shooting a film this spring in San Francisco that was awarded the San Francisco Film Commission tax credit as well as the California Film Commission tax incentive of which about only 15 receive that incentive a year. I'm so excited to get to film the city that raised me and have an opportunity to shoot here, which is only possible because we received the tax credit. A lot of people are working really hard to make sure filmmaking comes back to California. Those people deeply understand the importance of art and society and being able to have a cultural conversation about the very things that affect our lives. My film is called "Josephine." It is about a time when I was eight years old and—sorry, I'm a little bit nervous—my father and I went jogging in Golden Gate Park very early one morning and we found a jogger being sexually assaulted by a stranger. My father helped the police find the perpetrator, and he chased him down and the arrest was made and tried at 850 Bryant, the San Francisco Hall of Justice. While writing this film that's based on the event and trial, I was awarded the largest screenwriting grant in the U.S. by SFFILM, a nonprofit run by donors in San Francisco who see the value of having stories told by their community who encourage the people to have this from the city to pursue art as our life's work. During my residency, I went to 850 Bryant every day to watch a sexual assault case from start to finish to inform my scripts since trials are

open to the public. My request is I be granted access to filming the trial scene at 850 Bryant inside a courtroom during closed hours specifically over two weekends. I am aware it is currently against policy by the California Judicial Council and I believe this policy should change. A few weeks ago I met with Adam Dorsey. He was kind enough to engage with my emails asking for an answer as to why I'm not allowed to film there. So many people have simply ignored and not responded to them, so I am incredibly appreciative that he took the time to talk to me. In our meeting, he expressed two reasons why filming is not allowed. The first, and please correct me if I am misstating anything, is that the California Judicial Council must remain impartial to who they do and do not allow in their courtrooms to film. If they let me film there, they have to let the Proud Boys film there. I respectfully find this argument unsound. The first reason is that judges take an oath to be impartial, fair, and uphold the law. If I were to film in a courtroom and then have a judge try me criminally for wrongdoing in my life, this is not giving me the ability to claim that they can no longer view me impartially. I can walk into any open courtroom at any time. Furthermore, it will not be the judges deciding who gets to film inside a courtroom and who doesn't. It is employees of the state. For the record, the California Film Commission is deeply in favor of me having access to filming at 850 Bryant during closed operating hours. They can help facilitate this request. Any space we permit for a movie, state property, parks and recs, monuments, historical sites, streets, and private spaces do have a rubric for what is and what is not allowed to be filmed. This is very common. Most places even require script pages.

>> I hate to interrupt, but you are running a little bit out of time. That's all right. But we will give you another minute to wrap up. We appreciate your comments.

>> Okay. One more minute. Okay. I'm so sorry. I wrote this long thing. I'm so sorry.

>> Time does fly when you're talking sometimes. We will give you another minute to wrap up.

>> Thank you so much. My film is designed around authentic rooms where real people's lives are at stake. Audiences deserve better films that feel grounded and personal to filmmakers and can give them an impactful experience to take away, discuss, and be part of the cultural zeitgeist. Mr. Dorsey told me the second reason for this no-filming policy is simply a logistical one to which I believe is very true. You are likely understaffed as it is and this could add a huge amount of work for someone that doesn't have time or bandwidth to open up some 400-plus courtrooms to filming during closed hours. I am very empathetic to this. While I'm certain this is true, respectfully, it is also not a good reason to not let me film. The California Film Commission would like to take this burden from you as well. Let this be the burden of the filmmaker also to coordinate with each location's manager and security. I can help show you how to pass off this workload to individual sites and the California Film Commission and the film commissions of each individual county. Every other county has a system in place for how this functions, and you could help bring money into your system that I'm sure you could use. If a film cannot work around the closed operating hours of the site, they simply cannot use it. Don't think about it in terms of opening up 400-plus courtrooms. That is understandably

overwhelming. Think of it as opening this up to about 15 projects a year. The people who get the California tax credit and request courtrooms because most of these stories won't request a courtroom. I think I might be the only one of the 15. We will provide extra security on top of the security already requested. I'm almost done, I promise. Last paragraph. I'm asking you to please not put this policy in place today and let me and others help you create a policy that feels fair to both the artist and the council. If you use our film production as a trial run, you can see how mutually beneficial this can be. Just because someone has the power to say no doesn't mean that they should. Just because a policy has been in place doesn't mean that it needs to be. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to address you on this matter that is so deeply important to me. I'm happy to answer any and all questions. Thank you so much for your tireless work that you do every day and for considering my request. I hope you have a wonderful day.

>> Thank you. We appreciate you coming here and sharing your thoughts with us. Thank you. At this time I would ask Amber if we have any other speakers on either remote or in person before we turn it to the next order of business.

>> That concludes public comment.

>> I would like to thank all of the members of the public. As a reminder you may continue viewing the remainder of the meeting on the California Courts website. That concludes our public comment session.

>> Thank you. Thank you, Ms. de Araújo. We do appreciate your comments here today. To the extent you did not get to cover anything you wished to, we also always accept written comments as well. Thank you, and we do have another written submission that we received and thank the public for that. Next on our agenda is my regular report as Chief Justice, summarizing my engagement and ongoing outreach activities on behalf of the judicial branch since our January 19, 2024, business meeting. I was pleased to participate in two events centered on our number one goal of the judicial branch: access, fairness, diversity, and inclusion. I took part in a symposium hosted by the UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute and UCLA's Chicano Studies Research Center, which brought together 300 Latina scholars, judges, attorneys, policy leaders, and law students to talk about fostering a multigenerational leadership pipeline, including into the legal profession. I also addressed attendees at the Belonging Awards hosted by Pepperdine University's Caruso School of Law. During this event, the university presented awards to both alumni and faculty and students who have worked throughout their careers to advance diversity, belonging, and inclusion in the legal profession. I was honored to share some of my own experiences with the faculty and students. Also looking to the future of our branch, I had the pleasure of welcoming four groups of judges and commissioners participating in our New Judge Orientation program to my chambers in San Francisco. The group included 33 judges and nine commissioners representing 21 trial courts from throughout the state. As always, I express my sincere thanks to the four judge faculty teams that make this program such a valuable experience for all of the participating judicial officers. I also stepped into my role as

chair of the Commission on Judicial Appointments to welcome two new justices to our appellate bench. Justice Monique Langhorne Wilson was confirmed as associate justice of the First District Court of Appeal, District One in San Francisco. And Justice Aimee Feinberg was confirmed as the associate justice of the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento. I have had the chance to address our branch leadership at the annual statewide meeting of our presiding judges and court executive officers in Santa Rosa. We have 17 new presiding judges this year. Nearly one third of our trial courts have new judicial leadership. I was able to discuss judicial branch funding, continuing to ensure cases are disposed of in a timely fashion and have data that can help us in encouraging participation in our revamped civic initiatives. I also spoke to our supervising judges at their annual institute in San Francisco, which included sessions on ethics, communication skills, working with court management, and leadership lessons learned. In celebration of March as Women's History Month, I was honored to receive two awards in Sacramento and participate in the Bay Area Women Lawyers Retreat in Napa. I spoke to dozens of female Bay Area attorneys who came together at the Bay Area Women Lawyers Retreat to learn and develop relationships with each other and empower women lawyers to help shape the future of the legal profession. In the Capitol, I was honored to be recognized on the floor of both the Senate and Assembly as a California woman making, as they say, "herstory." I was joined by six other extraordinary women who were present and one who was unable to attend who received awards from the California Legislative Women's Caucus, including Senate President pro Tem Emeritus Toni Atkins. I accepted an award from Assembly Member Tina McKinnor during the Women's History Month celebration and awards that were held at the Women in California Politics Museum in Sacramento. Finally, I was able to participate in the ceremony to swear in the 49th President pro Tem of the California State Senate, Senator Mike McGuire, which also included Governor Newsom, members of the Assembly and Senate, and Senator McGuire's family. This concludes my report to the council. Next we will hear from our Administrative Director, Shelley Curran, with her report to the council.

>> Good morning, Chief Justice and members of the Judicial Council. My regular Administrative Director's report is included in your written materials and it provides a roundup of the programs and services that the Judicial Council staff has engaged in since our last meeting in January. To include a couple of recaps from that report, actions have been taken by 18 different advisory committees since January. More than 40 educational programs have been offered to judicial officers as well as council staff, court professionals, and other justice system partners. I want to mention a couple of items from the report itself. The annual applications for membership for Judicial Council advisory committees and our education committees have been disseminated branchwide to fill over 141 positions and 109 positions for educational committees. The council receives outstanding support from our various advisory committees, our 25 standing advisory committees. Those advisory committees include more than 500 judicial officers, judicial court administrators, and members of justice system partners. We appreciate the continued work that all of those advisory committees provide to the council. We have nine curriculum committees that are working in developing and delivering content for judicial officers and court staff. The committee actions summaries in the report highlight the scope of the work that those advisory committees are working on right now. Multiple levels of

work are going on. For example, we have six different committees that are looking at various legislation that needs to be implemented or that is before the Legislature right now. We also have three advisory committees that are looking at caseload management. A lot of diverse work and important work is happening in all of our committees right now. The written report also highlights what is happening in the capital right now as of the legislative deadline: 2,124 bills were introduced this year in Sacramento and our Governmental Affairs advocates are tracking 781 of those bills. The bills highlight any number of areas that are significant for the people of California. One hot topic that is happening right now that is of great interest is issues related to artificial intelligence. There are two bills that have been introduced that directly impact the courts. We are working with authors of those bills as they will make their way through the legislative session and this work is happening in parallel with the work that the Chief Justice announced last week that we are doing internally here at the council to look at generative AI in the way that AI might impact court proceedings. On the consent agenda today, there are a couple of items that I want to highlight from various advisory committees. There are nine consent items today brought forth by three advisory committees. Call your attention to that. I want to call your attention to a proposal that has been set forth that is before you from the Information Technology Advisory Committee. That committee, that proposal sets forth minimum technology standards. We were required to do this as part of legislation that made its way through Legislature last year related to remote proceedings. The council is required to adopt minimum technology standards that will be in place by April 1, 2024. The standards have to be in place by July 1, 2024. I want to thank the chairs of that committee, the members of that committee, and the staff that moved very quickly in order to meet this legislative deadline while also creating ample time for the public to provide input into this important issue. Every weekday there are over 10,000 hearings that take place within the trial courts that are remote. The public really likes these things and so it is imperative we have these standards in place so that we are able to effectively provide the ability for people to participate in these programs remotely. We want to thank the administration for including in budget trailer bill this year, removal of the sunset, so that the ability for individuals to participate remotely will continue past the date that those are expected to sunset. Lastly, there are two reports to the council and five reports to the Legislature that are included in the information agenda. One of those reports to the council presents the annual demographic data on California state justices and judges. The Government Code requires that the council provide this report to the Legislature by March 1 every year, and December 2023, the council surveyed California judges and justices to get a snapshot of different demographic data, including gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Responding to this survey is voluntary on the part of judicial officers and I'm happy to report that for the 18th straight year, California's judicial branch has continued to grow more diverse. Since 2006, when the data was first reported, the number of female justices and judges has increased to 41.2 percent compared to 27.1 percent in 2006. The percentage of Asian, Black, and Hispanic judicial officers has doubled since 2006. Congress increasing judicial diversity continues to grow under Governor Newsom since taking office in 2009 through 2023. More than half of the 455 judicial officers appointments have been women judges and justices and more than half also identified as Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander. While we continue to have a need for new judgeships, based

on the latest judicial needs assessment reporting, there are 17 courts with a workload need based of 98 new judges. This week's appointment of 14 new judicial officers lowers the number of vacancies of existing judgeship positions to 76, which is 4.3 percent vacancy rate, which is the lowest vacancy rate in the last two years. We are really appreciative of the work that Governor Newsom and Secretary Céspedes continue to do appointing new judicial officers. Among the myriad of work that that council staff will continue to do over the course of the next several months until our next business meeting, a big emphasis will be on judicial advocacy in addition to all of the other work that we will be doing. That concludes my report for the March business meeting. Chief, thank you very much.

>> Thank you, Shelley, for that report and I also echo our expression of thanks to the Governor and Secretary Céspedes for our most recent round of appointments to the judicial branch. Next we have our consent agenda. There are 10 items that includes the minutes of our prior meeting. As you all know, the council's Executive and Planning Committee sets items on the consent and discussion agendas in order to optimize the best use of the council's time. The council's Rules Committee provides guidance to the Executive and Planning Committee on agenda settings relating to rules proposals. The fact that an item is on the consent agenda is not a reflection on its significance. Any council member can request to move an item from the consent to the discussion agenda if they believe it would benefit from further discussion and deliberation. As always, we appreciate the many hours of work put in by our advisory committees and staff that have enabled these recommendations and reports to come before us for our consideration. Council members, having had an opportunity to review these items, I will now entertain a motion to move approval of the consent agenda.

>> Anderson, so moved.

>> Thank you. Is there a second? Okay. Maybe raise your hand. Thank you. Judge Court, I see your hand first. All those in favor, say aye.

>> Aye.

>> Any noes? Any abstentions? The consent agenda is approved. Thank you. For this Judicial Council meeting, all of our internal chairs have prepared written reports. Those are posted to our California Courts website. I would like to echo also what Shelley said and commend these reports to you. We had 800-plus pages of materials to go through for this meeting. Some of it goes faster than other portions and so I wanted to say thank you to everybody involved in putting these reports together, and in particular for the staff who is always a valuable assistance in all of the work that we do. So, thank you. Unless anybody has anything else, I don't see any hands. Thank you, all. This concludes our March Judicial Council business meeting and we have our next regularly scheduled business meeting that will take place on May 16 and May 17. This meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.