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Honorable Justice Mary E. Fairhurst
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Dear Justice Fairhurst,

RE: Reprioritizing of IT Governance (ITG) requests 27 and 102

In July 2011, the District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA) Technology Committee endorsed ITG 102 (New Case Management System to Replace JIS). In March 2013, a letter from the DMCMA was sent to the JISC supporting a commercial off the shelf (COTS) solution.

A new case management system to replace JIS has always been the number one priority of the DMCMA but we recognized that prioritization of projects by the CLUG was based on multiple factors, including budget and resource constraints at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

The DMCMA Executive Board requests that ITG 102 be reprioritized above ITG 27 (Expanded Seattle Muni Case Data Transfer). We are requesting that ITG 27 remain on the list of prioritized requests however, prioritized one step below ITG 102.

The JISC's support of this reprioritization is critical in order for the courts of limited jurisdiction to utilize the AOC resources available now to start the process of documenting business requirements for a new case management system.

Sincerely,

Aimee R. Vance
DMCMA President

Cc: Ms. Callie T. Dietz, Sate Court Administrator

Payne, Pamela

From: Cynthia Marr <cmarr@co.pierce.wa.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 12:56 PM
To: Fairhurst, Justice Mary
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Subject: Reprioritizing of IT Governance (ITG) requests 27 and 102

Dear Justice Fairhurst,

The CLJ Court Level User Group met today and unanimously voted to request that the JISC reprioritize IT Governance Request 102, CLJ Case Management System, to JISC Priority 4, and move ITG 27, the Expanded Seattle Municipal Data Exchange, to JISC Priority 5.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Marr
Chair, CLJ Court Level User Group

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RE: Reprioritizing of IT Governance (ITG) requests

Dear Justice Fairhurst,

The Misdemeanant Corrections Association (MCA) Board of Governors voted yesterday to ask the JISC to reprioritize the CLJ Case management System request ahead of the Seattle Municipal Data Exchange. Case management is a top priority for the MCA, which is why in 2013 the MCA requested ITG 174, a CLJ case management system. The MCA Board is looking to move forward on gathering business requirements for the new case management system in 2014.

Sincerely,

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Dear Justice Fairhurst,

RE: Reprioritizing of IT Governance (ITG) requests

In April 2013, the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) Board of Governors supported a COTS solution to support the expediency of the process for an improved case management system for the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

The DMCJA Board of Governors have continued to discuss the importance of promoting the process for a new case management system to the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

An additional step to advance the Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC) ability to provide the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction with a new case management system is the reprioritizing of IT Governance (ITG) request 102 New Case Management System to Replace JIS to the number one priority.

Currently, ITG 027 Expanded Seattle Muni Case Data Transfer is listed as the number one priority. However, DMCJA Board of Governors requests the withdrawal of ITG 027 and the reprioritizing of ITG 102 to number one. The DMCJA Board of Governors hopes the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) will support this association's request, and in doing so allowing AOC to focus its resources on the beginning of gathering of business requirements for a new case management system in 2014.

Sincerely,

Judge David A. Svaren
DMCJA President

cc: Ms. Callie T. Dietz, State Court Administrator

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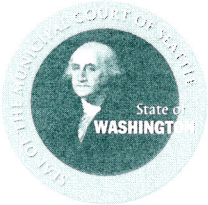

Sent via Email

February 13, 2013

Honorable David Svaren, President DMCJA
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Ms. Aimee Vance, President DMCMA
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Re: The Future of Seattle Municipal Court's Information System (MCIS)

Dear Judge Svaren and Ms. Vance:

On behalf of the Judges of the Seattle Municipal Court (SMC), I am writing to communicate recent decisions made by the Judges related to MCIS, our court case management system. For more than 20 years, we have utilized MCIS to meet our case management needs, with countless enhancements and modifications as the needs of the court changed. At the February 6-7, 2014 SMC Judicial Retreat, the Judges agreed to continue on our current path of supporting electronic case filing and management of court records using the Municipal Court Information System.

SMC Judges discussed efforts underway by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to address the urgent case management needs of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, the topic covered at the January 24, 2014 meeting which you both chaired. This meeting provided a valuable opportunity to hear from other courts considering solutions to meet their technology needs. AOC representatives also outlined an updated proposal, including an accelerated timeline, for creating the requirements needed to support the creation of a CLJ-CMS .

During our extensive retreat discussion, SMC Judges discussed our current and future technological initiatives, the impacts to the AOC surrounding the proposal to address the CLJ-CMS needs, and recent conversations with King County District Court (KCDC). We understand that KCDC plans to replace DISCIS within the next year. Our concern is that partnering with KCDC at this time will greatly impact our technology planning surrounding our Electronic Court Filing project (ECF) and would divert scarce internal technology resources. SMC Judges also discussed the potential impact of the recent decisions by King County Superior Court to opt out of the SC-CMS project. While implications of that decision are not entirely clear, we have concerns about the reliability of future funding sources used by AOC to support court technology. Additionally, the vendor for King County Superior Court was expected to deliver a

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product that might make adaptation to a CLJ-CMS system less financially burdensome on the district and municipal courts.

In 2010, when Seattle Municipal Court submitted it's data exchange request (known as the ITG #27), we offered that solution as an opportunity to provide non-MCIS courts more SMC case information. This would assist other state courts with defendants who often have cases in multiple jurisdictions. We believe this enhancement is still an important option to pursue while the AOC considers its technology future. Despite the recommendation of the DMCJA Technology Subcommittee, we still believe that devoting resources to completing this enhancement would be beneficial for two reasons: **First**, the public safety considerations to having extensive SMC criminal history information available to other state courts should not be kept on the 'back burner'. Domestic violence and driving under the influence offenders are often mobile and commit similar violations across state and tribal jurisdictions.

Secondly, we believe the ITG #27 project creates an opportunity for the entire state court system. We respectfully suggest that the AOC not attempt to be a case management provider for all courts. Priority should be given to developing a case management system for those medium and small jurisdictions who could benefit from AOC technical expertise in supporting an off the shelf product or a system built by AOC staff. The SMC data exchange project could serve as a pilot project to begin moving toward the concept of AOC being the central data repository for information flowing in from courts of all sizes. The ITG #27 project could be used to develop and create common data standards to send and receive information between courts and AOC.

AOC technology staff could work with our technology staff and IT staff from other courts to create the technological specifications for data transmission to (and from) AOC/JIS. AOC could then work with the leadership in DMCJA (and Superior Court Judges Association) to determine what substantive data elements everyone would be expected to push to a central data warehouse, with agreed protocols for scope and timeliness of transmission. This would allow scarce resources to be used to address the urgent needs of medium and small jurisdictions while still giving the rest of the state access to the extensive Seattle Municipal Court database.

We understand that a decision may be made to pursue a statewide data exchange as being more cost effective. This might be a reasonable approach after financial analysis. However, the concern from the point of view of SMC would be whether this would further delay access to SMC's criminal database information to the rest of the state while a larger scale data exchange is created. Additionally, working through technological challenges on a smaller scale might ultimately result in time and cost savings. However, we would defer to DMCJA and AOC to make the decision deemed in the best interests of all courts and would support any decision made.

Given the thoughts expressed by many of the larger jurisdictions at the meeting on January 24, 2014, it is clear that there will not be any consensus that AOC should continue to be the case management provider for all courts. Each jurisdiction has relatively unique requirements for

reporting to local criminal justice partners. The MCIS chart showing the flow of data to and from various agencies and city departments that we made available to meeting participants clearly illustrates the scope of our basic current requirements. As we move forward and our needs change, we will need a system that is nimble enough to respond rapidly to changing fiscal, legal, and political requirements at the local and state level.

In some respects this is the same position that SMC found itself in over twenty years ago when we were asked to partner with the AOC (then OAC) on a case management system. Now, as then, we would be happy to be able to do so if the needs of SMC could be met.

The Washington State Court System is once again at a critical juncture in the evolution of technology. We hope that all possible options are considered before embarking on a statewide CLJ-CMS, which may not be successful. The crisis afforded by the current environment should be taken as an opportunity to think creatively to develop solutions to meet the State court's technology needs. We hope that you will consider the SMC Data Exchange as a solution that could address both the short and long term needs of all the Washington courts.

Sincerely,

Honorable C. Kimi Kondo
Presiding Judge

Cc: Chief Justice Barbara A. Madsen, Washington State Supreme Court
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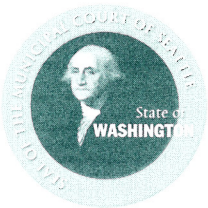

February 13, 2014

The Honorable Corinna Harn
Presiding Judge
King County District Court
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RE: Seattle Municipal Court's Technology Direction

Dear Judge Harn:

Thank you for meeting with Yolande Williams, Court Administrator, at Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) on January 31, 2014, to discuss King County District Court's technology plans. We appreciate your interest in partnering with SMC as you identify a replacement case management system for DISCIS. After careful consideration by SMC Judges, SMC is not able to partner with KCDC in this effort at this time.

We understand that you intend to begin in 2014 to identify your requirements and system needs in order to secure a replacement case management system that is fully integrated and provides the functionality required by your court. While we understand and appreciate the need to move quickly, SMC judges believe that there are other factors impacting the State Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) technology direction that could change in the next few months. This would likely have impacts on SMC's technology decisions.

During SMC's February 6-7, 2014 Judges Retreat, we discussed the status of our Municipal Court Information System (MCIS), and current efforts to introduce an Electronic Case Filing system for use by the court, attorneys, probation and treatment providers and the public. Once this system is fully functional we anticipate this will expand to an Electronic Court Records system which will result in significant improvements in the management of SMC cases. This will encompass delivery of discovery between attorneys and expanded capabilities which will enhance Public Access to the courts by all users. All of our technological capacity for the next six months or so is being directed to support these efforts.

We are interested in continuing to stay apprised of your technology plans moving forward, especially if the AOC accepts our recommendation to focus on developing a data exchange or interface. Under this proposal, we are recommending that AOC develop universal data exchange standards necessary to guide all courts in providing necessary case data to the JIS system. This includes case disposition and workload data. Additionally, our proposal would encourage AOC to support exchanges with other state agencies for infraction and criminal case

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outcomes. This proposal would change AOC's technology focus away from pursuing a single case management solution for courts to a limited, but potentially more successful, role of managing court data through a centralized warehouse. Should AOC redirect its focus, we would expect that technology divisions of all user courts would be given the opportunity to provide insight and input into creation of standards for the exchange of information.

We wish you success as you proceed with your plans for a DISCIS replacement. Feel free to contact me or Yolande at (206) 684-5614 if you have additional questions or concerns.

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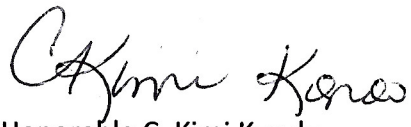

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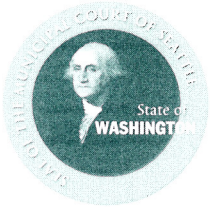

February 12, 2014

Justice Mary Fairhurst
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Re: AOC Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System Proposal

Dear Justice Fairhurst:

Attached are letters send to Judge David Svaren, President of DMCJA and Ms. Aimee Vance, President of DMCMA. The Seattle Municipal Court regrets that we are not comfortable embracing this project given our current and anticipated future needs. The meeting on January 24, 2014 was very valuable however for providing a forum for attending courts to articulate their current time constraints and budget considerations.

The timetable set out by AOC for implementation of this project is clearly not one that will meet the needs of many other court systems in the state. We do understand that the needs of the medium and smaller jurisdictions must be met as their needs have become critical.

We believe that the proposal we have put forward to continue to develop common data exchange standards while focusing AOC on creating a smaller scale case management system is a reasonable approach. Repositioning AOC to become a statewide data warehouse will also enable the state to generate accurate reports internally and externally.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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Callie Dietz
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Justice Fairhurst and Mrs. Dietz:

Pursuant to JISCR Rule 13, please be advised that Yakima County District Court intends to commence a project to implement a case management system that will address our operational needs and enhance the service we provide to the public, our law and justice partners as well as the court community.

As we indicated in the January 23, 2014 meeting with courts in similar situations as well as the AOC, we will continue to offer to work with the AOC in the development of the case management system for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. We are fully aware of the statutory mandates to the AOC as outlined in RCW 2.68.050. We intend to develop a case management system that enables our court to enhance our processes and provide services to the community that is consistent with those statutory mandates.

Sincerely,

Donald Engel
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Cc: Judge Corinna Harn, King County District Court

Payne, Pamela

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Subject: FW: [DMADMIN] Statewide case management system for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

Aimee Vance

From: District and Municipal Court Administrators and Clerks [mailto:DMADMIN@LISTSERV.COURTS.WA.GOV] **On Behalf Of** Pardee, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 5:23 PM
To: DMADMIN@LISTSERV.COURTS.WA.GOV
Subject: [DMADMIN] Statewide case management system for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

This message is sent on behalf of Judge David A. Svaren, President DMCJA and Aimee Vance, President DMCMA.

Greetings District and Municipal Court Judges and Administrators,

As presidents of our respective associations, we have made acquisition of a new statewide case management system a priority. We have individually and jointly met with Callie Dietz, the State Court Administrator, and other representatives from AOC. At this point, AOC is preparing to start the first step of this process – development of business requirements. This is expected to commence in early 2014.

We are advised that some courts have grown impatient and are contemplating acquisition of their own case management systems. We are hoping to identify those courts at this juncture since none have provided notice of proposed development to the Judicial Information System Committee and AOC as provided in JISCR 13. It is our belief that a proliferation of individual stand-alone case management systems is counter-productive for a number of reasons.

We would like to convene a meeting in early January to develop a strategy for working together toward a statewide case management system for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. This will include DMCJA and DMCMA representatives on JISC and members of the association technology committees. While there is no room large enough to accommodate all interested parties, we specifically encourage the attendance of representatives from the courts who are in the process of acquiring or looking into acquiring their own case management systems. If your court fits this description, please let us know so that you may be included.

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April 24, 2013

Callie Dietz, State Court Administrator
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Dear Ms. Dietz:

Thank you for including the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) in the discussion regarding expedited planning for an improved case management system. The DMCJA Board of Governors has prioritized the support of a new CLJ case management system as a priority issue shortly after the initial request was entered into the IT Governance portal on July 8, 2011.

It is our understanding, as it has been represented by Ms. Callie Dietz, Ms. Vonnie Diseth, and Mr. Dirk Marler that a commitment to a commercial off the shelf (COTS) case management system will allow the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to bypass the traditional feasibility study and therefore likely speed up the ability for AOC to provide a new case management system.

It is also our understanding that this commitment will in turn put in motion a plan for business requirements gathering subject to AOC funding and staff availability. The current projection for the beginning of business requirements gathering is 2014. On April 12, the DMCJA Board of Governors authorized support of pursuing a COTS solution to assist the expediency of the process. This general support of a COTS solution does not signal a commitment to a particular product for the courts of limited jurisdiction regardless of whether the product is selected by another court level or for another project.

We look forward to assisting AOC in the business requirements gathering process and are hopeful this process can begin as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,

Judge Sara B. Derr
DMCJA President

cc: Judge James Heller, DMCJA JISC Representative
Judge Steve Rosen, DMCJA JISC Representative and DMCJA Chair Technology Committee
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March 14, 2013

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Dear Ms. Dietz,

This letter serves as DMCMA's written commitment to support a commercial off the shelf (COTS) case management system for the courts of limited jurisdiction. Members of the DMCMA have actively participated in the original CMS project as well as the current SC-CMS project from the beginning. We are fully aware of the capabilities and functionality that a COTS package offers, and it is our belief that no additional information will be gained by conducting a feasibility study. It is our understanding that our commitment to support a COTS application:

- Positions courts of limited jurisdiction to begin developing business and technical requirements in late 2013 or early 2014 (subject to funding and staff availability);
- Does not forfeit the need for a detailed charter with multiple "go/no-go" opportunities, assessments and solutions for risks identified for the project, project plans, work plans, and schedules
- Is not a commitment by DMCMA or AOC to a particular vendor's product for the courts of limited jurisdiction regardless of whether the product is selected by another court level.

It is with great urgency that we submit this commitment in support of our joint effort with AOC in acquiring a system for courts of limited jurisdiction. We appreciate all efforts being made on our behalf, and we are willing to offer any and all support necessary to begin this much needed process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Justice Fairhurst and Judge Wynne:

RE: REQUEST #102 – COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FEASIBILITY STUDY

The District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) supports the District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA) in its pursuit of a feasibility study for a new courts of limited jurisdiction case management system. We advocate for immediate review of the request in order to capitalize on the efficiencies that may be gained during the study for the new superior court case management system.

In 2010, courts of limited jurisdiction handled approximately 2.5 million filings, almost two million of which were traffic and parking infractions. These infractions require complex system support because of their relationship to other information systems, such as the Department of Licensing, Washington State Patrol, and local law enforcement agencies.

Accurate and timely reporting affects not only the individual user; these infractions are also a significant source of the funding for the Judicial Information System (JIS) account pursuant to RCW 2.68.040.

Throughout the last year, representatives of the courts of limited jurisdiction made several requests through the IT Governance process for enhancements to the current system. As a result of this process, it has

become apparent that continuing to invest money to enhance an outdated system is of decreasing value. We support DMCMA's request to study a new system.

Sincerely,

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Dear Justice Fairhurst and Judge Wynne:

Funding of Feasibility Study for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System (ITG Request #102)

In July of this year, the District and Municipal Court Management Association made a formal request through the IT Governance process for a new cases management system to replace JIS.

AOC reviewed the request and determined that a feasibility study would be required, just as was done for the Superior Court request. The actual cash outlay for CLJ case management feasibility study is approximately $200,000. DMCMA is asking that the JISC allocate funds for this study from its small projects fund.

Since the IT Governance process was implemented, Courts of Limited Jurisdiction have made many requests for system fixes and upgrades to JIS. These requests have resulted in multiple projects that do not address the root problem and deplete valuable resources.

In the past year, Courts of Limited Jurisdiction have had difficulties reporting and transferring information to other agencies in a timely and accurate fashion. A new case management system could better interface with the Department of Licensing and the Washington State Patrol to reduce errors, provide up to date information for law enforcement, allow for quicker reporting of information and allow our courts to work more efficiently.

We are aware that Superior Court is conducting its own requirement gathering for an upcoming RFP, and know that there is hope the Superior Court system will work for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction as well. In its analysis, AOC reported in part that "high level requirement gathering will need to be completed in order to determine the CLJ business needs before establishing any scope for an implementation process. Work that has already been completed for the Superior Court study will be leveraged in support of this study".

DMCMA realizes that there may be some value in looking at the same product chosen by Superior Court, which is why it will be beneficial to begin requirement gathering as soon as possible. Given the Superior Court timeline of five to seven years before full implementation, we believe it is practical to utilize the resources and knowledge that the Superior Court study offers. We fear that delaying this process further will result in more than a ten year wait before a new case management system is in place for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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Dear Your Honor:

Request for Case Management System for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

The Washington State District and Municipal Court Management Association has recently become aware of Spokane Municipal Court's request for a data exchange project that would allow their new case management software to exchange information with JIS. Our understanding is that this request is currently under consideration by the JISC. While DMCMA does not directly oppose this request, we do have concerns.

In 2007 Courts of Limited Jurisdiction were involved with the RFP, design and implementation of a new case management system that was to replace JIS/SCOMIS and be used by all courts in Washington State. At the time, CLJ's were told that the JIS system was reaching a point where it could no longer be maintained or supported properly by AOC and that there was a great need to replace our outdated system. Regrettably, the case management project was unable to be completed and four years later the CLJ's are still without a new case management system.

After the failure of the case management project, it was determined that the IT Governance process would allow for some updates and modifications to JIS. Our association has been committed to working this ITG process over the past year at the endorsement group level as well as on the CLUG. While the ITG process has been helpful in fixing small technical flaws of JIS, AOC has now advised our association that they have reached their capacity for

scheduling IT projects for at least the next 12 months, and once again Courts of Limited Jurisdiction will have to wait for any future modifications to an already antiquated system. DMCMA has come to realize that the ITG requests are too numerous and at too high of a cost to achieve the desired results that the ITG process was to provide.

The type of data exchange that Spokane Municipal is requesting may be beneficial to larger courts that have strong IT infrastructures and the funding to purchase their own systems. But because the majority of District and Municipal Courts in the state do not have the ability to purchase their own case management systems, we fear that the rest of the CLJ's will be left behind.

The DMCMA also believes that it is necessary to maintain the integrity of the defendant case history information that is contained within JIS. Allowing multiple District and Municipal Courts to run their own systems compromises that integrity. With multiple case management systems, judges, prosecutors and defense lawyers cannot be assured that the information they rely upon is the most current and accurate.

DMCMA realizes that the JISC has already approved ITG request number #27 that will allow for a similar data exchange with the Seattle Municipal Court and is also considering the Superior Court Case Management Feasibility Study. It is time to stop committing scarce resources to fixing an outdated system and find a more permanent solution. At this time, we would be requesting that the JISC consider allocating resources for a new case management system that would be beneficial to all Courts of Limited Jurisdiction, rather than the few courts that can afford to make upgrades.

DMCMA will contemporaneously be sending a formal request for a new case management system through the ITG Portal as required by AOC policy.

Sincerely,

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