


GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 22-024

TO: ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY PERSONNEL

FROM: GEORGE GASCÓN 
District Attorney

SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE CHARGING EVALUATION COMMITTEE (ACE)

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2022

The Alternative Charging Evaluation Committee (ACE) will review cases where the handling Deputy District Attorney, Head Deputy, and Bureau Director are all in agreement that an exception is warranted to file special circumstance allegation, pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2, as a deviation from Special Directive 20-08.2.

A Bureau Director who recommends the filing of a special circumstance allegation will submit their addendum and the Special Circumstances Filing Evaluation Memorandum to ACE via the Special Assistant to the Chief Deputy (SA). The SA will forward the request to ACE and will track the cases, progress, and will coordinate with handling DDAs and the defense bar if ACE requires further information in conducting its evaluation.

ACE will be comprised of the Assistant District Attorney of Line Operations, the Assistant District Attorney of Special Operations, the Clemency and Capital Case Coordinator, the Special Advisor for Community and Government Liaison, and the Chief of Staff. ACE will submit a written recommendation to the Chief Deputy regarding the appropriateness of filing a special circumstance allegation. If ACE **unanimously** agrees that a special circumstance allegation **should not be filed**, the request will be denied without any further review.

During the pendency of the review process, the progress of a case shall not be delayed. The review process shall not be used as a basis of a continuance or any other delay.

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