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February 2, 2012

Dr. Rita Cepeda
Chancellor
San Jose/Evergreen Community College District
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Dear Chancellor Cepeda:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2012, reviewed the institutional Follow-Up reports and the reports of the evaluation teams which visited Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The Commission acted to continue Evergreen Valley College **on Warning**, and to continue San Jose City College **on Probation**, and to require Follow-Up Reports from both colleges by October 15, 2012. The reports will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives. Copies of the Commission action letters to Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College are enclosed for your information.

While acknowledging the significant work that has been accomplished by both colleges and the District to begin to address recommendations and resolve deficiencies, the Commission has chosen to wait until all work is completed and deficiencies resolved, before taking action to remove sanctions.

Although both colleges have exceeded the federal regulatory "two year rule" for correcting deficiencies, the Commission has extended the time permitted because the colleges and the District have made substantial progress to date.

The Commission also acted to require that its staff arrange **a conference call between the Chancellor and the Chief Financial Officer and Commission representatives** to discuss the fiscal liabilities and the debt repayment plans of the District. The purpose of the call is for the Commission to get current information on fiscal plans being made now that will impact the District and the colleges in the coming academic year. Commission staff will be calling you to arrange this conversation for a mutually convenient time after March 15, 2012.

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Finally, ACCJC staff is available to assist the District with consultation and advice on the issues identified in the recommendations and requirements noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institutions' educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosures