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July 3, 2014

Ms. Alma Johnson-Hawkins
Interim President
Los Angeles Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
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Dear President Johnson-Hawkins:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 4-6, 2014, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Los Angeles Valley College and the report of the evaluation team that visited Monday, April 28, 2014.

The Commission took action to **continue Warning** and require the College to submit a **Follow-Up Report** by **March 15, 2015**¹ demonstrating full resolution of College Recommendation 8 as noted below. The Report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

Need to Resolve Deficiencies:

The Accreditation Standards, as an integrated whole, represent indicators of academic quality and institutional effectiveness. Deficiencies in any Standards will impact quality at an institution, and ultimately the educational environment and experiences of students. The Commission found Los Angeles Valley College remains deficient in meeting the following Accreditation Standards: III.D, III.D.2.c, IV.B.2, IV.B.2.a, IV.B.2.d from College Recommendation 8 noted below.

Under U.S. Department of Education enforcement regulations, the Commission is required to take immediate action to terminate the accreditation of an institution which is out of compliance with any standard. In the alternative, the Commission can provide the institution with additional notice and a deadline for coming into compliance that is no later than two years from when the institution was first informed of the noncompliance.

In exceptional situations, if the institution has done all within its authority to reach compliance on any standard but remains out of compliance, the Commission is permitted by regulations to allocate a one-time, short-term "good cause extension" for the college to reach compliance prior to acting on the institution's termination. However, continued noncompliance with multiple standards would diminish the appropriateness of such an extension. Los Angeles Valley College should fully resolve the noted deficiencies by **March 2015**.

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Los Angeles Valley College
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College Recommendation 8:

To fully meet the Standards, the college should establish appropriate management and control mechanisms needed for sound financial decision-making. The institution should ensure that it has sufficient cash flow and reserves to maintain stability with realistic plans to meet financial emergencies and unforeseen occurrences and to ensure long-term financial stability. The team recommends that the President effectively control budget and expenditures (Standards III.D, III.D.2.c, IV.B.2, IV.B.2.a, IV.B.2.d).

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2014 and the Evaluation Team Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Report, the Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Follow-Up Report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report the External Evaluation Report, and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.*

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Los Angeles Valley College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the next regularly scheduled report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, educational quality, and student success.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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¹Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: <http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>.