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June 30, 2011

Dr. Lori Gaskin  
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Dear President Gaskin:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by West Valley College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the comprehensive evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Self Study Report.

The Commission noted that West Valley College has restructured two College processes in order to link College and District goal development and has achieved a systematic cycle of evaluation, integrated planning, resource allocation, implementation, and re-evaluation; has established a process to regularly evaluate the new program review process and compiles recommendations for improvement to the process; has extended the program review, curriculum approval, and faculty evaluation processes to include distance learning courses; has successfully restored all enrollment funded through the state's "stability funding" mechanism and had measurable growth in FY2010 to FY2011; and has aligned the College's annual goals with five strategic goals of the District which mirror its values and support its mission.

Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

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The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the College web site can accomplish this.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of West Valley College will occur in **Spring 2014**.

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

Sincerely,



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President

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