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Mr. Eloy Oakley Superintendent/President Long Beach City College 4901 East Carson Street Long Beach, CA 90808

Dear President Oakley:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2012, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Long Beach City College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the 2008 evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional Self Study Report.

The Commission notes that Long Beach City College reported it has sustained the changes implemented to meet the recommendations of the 2008 comprehensive evaluation team and the 2009 Follow-Up Report and visit. These include expanding the active participation in the ongoing accreditation process, strengthening the College's commitment to a comprehensive student learning outcomes process, completing the revision of the program review process, including the academic freedom statement and a clarification of the acceptance of transfer credit in the catalog, developing a college-wide code of ethics, updating board policies and administrative regulations, committing to technology funding which is responsive to college planning, evaluating the role of college-wide leadership in institutional governance, and encouraging participation by all constituent groups in the College governance process.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the College make all reports and action letters available to students and the public by placing them on the institution's website. The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards, Eligibility Requirements and Commission policies 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.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Long Beach City College will occur in Fall 2014.

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet Standards that require the identification and assessment of student learning outcomes, and the use of assessment data to plan and implement improvements to educational quality, by fall 2012. The Commission reminds Long Beach City College that it must be prepared to demonstrate that it meets these Standards by fall 2012 (Standards I.B.1, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, II.B.4, II.C.2, and III.A.1.c).

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 institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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