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Dr. DeRionne Pollard President Las Positas College 3000 Campus Hill Drive Livermore, CA 94551

### Dear President Pollard:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Las Positas College Monday, October 19-Thursday, October 22, 2009. The Commission acted to reaffirm accreditation, with the requirement that the college complete a Follow-Up Report by October 15, 2010. That report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

The Follow-Up Report of October 15, 2010 should demonstrate resolution of the recommendations noted below:

## **Recommendation 3:**

# Program Review

To meet the Commission's 2012 deadline in the assessment of student learning outcomes, and to achieve a level of proficiency in program review for all efforts, the team recommends that:

- A. The college fully integrate its processes for the assessment of student learning outcomes with its processes for program review and planning. (I.B.1, II.A.2.a, II.A.2.b)
- B. The college fully implement a program review process for all administrative programs and services. (I.B.3, III.A.6, III.B.2, III.D.3)

### **Recommendation 4:**

## **Information Competency**

To meet the standard the team recommends that the college use campuswide dialog to develop ongoing instruction for users of library and learning support services to ensure students develop skills in Information Competency. (II.C.1.b) Dr. DeRionne Pollard Las Positas College January 29, 2010 Page Two

All colleges are required to submit a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Las Positas College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2012**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of Las Positas College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during Fall 2015.

The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the Evaluation Team Report, the college is expected to use the team report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the Evaluation Team Report and this letter dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college Self Study Report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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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Enclosure