February 3, 2017

Ms. Rowena Tomaneng
President
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2050 Center Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear President Tomaneng:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Berkeley City College and the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the evaluation team that visited November 7-8, 2016. College leadership, including the president of the governing board, the chancellor, and the College president, certified the College’s report. The purpose of the Commission’s review was to determine whether the College had resolved deficiencies noted during the spring 2015 comprehensive review and now meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards).

After considering all of the material noted above, the Commission finds that Berkeley City College has addressed College Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4, and District Recommendations 1 through 8, as noted by the spring 2015 comprehensive evaluation team; resolved the deficiencies; and meets Standards I.A.3, I.B.3, I.B.5, I.B.6, I.B.7, III.A.2, III.A.6, III.B.1, III.B.1.a, III.B.2, III.B.2.a, III.C.1.b, III.D.1.c, III.C.1.d, III.C.2, III.D.1.a, III.D.1.b, III.D.1.c, III.D.1.h, III.D.2.b, III.D.3.c, III.D.3.h, III.D.4, IV.B.1, IV.B.1.a, IV.B.1.e, IV.B.1.j, IV.B.2.b, IV.B.3, IV.B.3.b, IV.B.3.c, and IV.B.3.g. On reviewing the evidence submitted by the College, the Commission considers the Standards cited in District Recommendations 5 and 6 to be met once the staffing plan has been fully realized and the College/District functional responsibilities have been followed. This will require additional time to document, but the College and District have resolved the deficiencies noted in these recommendations.

The Commission took action to remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission encourages the institution to ensure it continues the work done to meet Standards. The College’s Midterm Report is due in spring 2018.1

A final copy of the Follow-Up Team Report is attached. Commission changes to the Report are noted on a separate page for inclusion with the Report.

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1 Institutions 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, found on the ACCJC website at: www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc.
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The Commission requires the College give the Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and those who were signatories of the Follow-Up Report, and to make these documents available to all campus constituencies and to the public by posting them on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution’s home page.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the collaborative work that Berkeley City College undertook to prepare the Follow-Up Report, and to support the work of the external evaluation team. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the College and the ACCJC work together to focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don’t hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Interim President

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cc: Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Chancellor, Peralta Community College District

Attachment