June 30, 2011

CORRECTED LETTER

Dr. Wise Allen
Interim Chancellor
Peralta Community College District
333 East Eighth Street
Oakland, California 94606

Dear Chancellor Allen:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Peralta District Follow-Up Report, the report of the evaluation team, and the presentation by district representatives at the Commission meeting. The Commission took action to remove all four colleges of the Peralta Community College District from Probation and issue a Warning.

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I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with Accreditation Standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. The four colleges and the Peralta District should have corrected the deficiencies identified by the comprehensive evaluation team report of 2009 by June 2011. The Commission acknowledges the work of the District/Colleges to date and has identified new Recommendations 1-5 above that refine the 2009 comprehensive evaluation team recommendations.
The Commission has extended the time to resolve these deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards for good cause.

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the colleges and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your District staff and to those who were signatories of your report. This group should include 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. Should you require an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

Finally, ACCJC staff is available to assist the District with consultation and advice on the recommendations identified above.

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

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Wise Allen, Interim Chancellor, Peralta Community College District
    Board President, Peralta Community College District
    Dr. Betty Inclan, President, Berkeley City College
    Dr. Jannett Jackson, Interim President, College of Alameda
    Dr. Elhora Webb, President, Laney College
    Dr. Robert Adams, President, Merritt College
    Dr. Frank Gornick, Team Chair
    Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S.D.E.
June 30, 2011

CORRECTED LETTER

Dr. Betty Inclan
President
Berkeley City College
2050 Center Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear President Inclan:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Berkeley City College and the report of the evaluation team which visited the College and the District office Monday, April 11-Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team were addressed by the institution, that deficiencies had been resolved, and that the institution now meets Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards.

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In addition, regarding Commission Recommendation 5, Berkeley City College must evaluate the impact of recent and future financial decisions on the college's ability to sustain programs and services.
All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Berkeley City College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2012.**

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with Accreditation Standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. Berkeley City College and the Peralta District should have corrected the deficiencies identified by the comprehensive evaluation team report of 2009 by June 2011. The Commission acknowledges the work of the District/College to date and has identified new Recommendations 1-5 above that refine the 2009 comprehensive evaluation team recommendations. The Commission has extended the time to resolve these deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards for good cause.

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Sincerely,

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President

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Wise Allen, Interim Chancellor, Peralta Community College District
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Ms. Krista Johns, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Mr. Don Warkentin, Team Chair
Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S.D.E.
June 30, 2011

CORRECTED LETTER

Dr. Robert Adams
President
Merritt College
12500 Campus Drive
Oakland, CA 94619

Dear President Adams:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by College of Alameda and the report of the evaluation team which visited Monday, April 11-Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team were addressed by the institution, that deficiencies had been resolved, and that the institution now meets Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards.

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    Board President, Peralta Community College District
    Dr. Linda Berry, Accreditation Liaison Officer
    Mr. Michael Claire, Team Chair
    Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S.D.E.
June 30, 2011

CORRECTED LETTER

Dr. Jannett Jackson  
President  
College of Alameda  
555 Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway  
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear President Jackson:

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    Board President, Peralta Community College District
    Dr. Rebecca Kenney, Accreditation Liaison Officer
    Dr. Frank Gornick, Team Chair
    Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S.D.E.
June 30, 2011

Dr. Elnora Webb
President
Laney College
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Oakland, CA 94607

Dear President Webb:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Laney College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Monday, April 11-Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team were addressed by the institution, that deficiencies had been resolved, and that the institution now meets Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards.

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Dr. Elnora Webb  
Laney College  
June 30, 2011  
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