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Dr. Francisco Rodriguez
Superintendent/President
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Dear President Rodriguez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by MiraCosta College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the 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 Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

The Commission noted that MiraCosta College responded to all four college recommendations from the comprehensive review and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report. The College's integration of planning processes with available data to inform decision-making has been a major driving force behind the changes that the College has made. MiraCosta has made significant progress in streamlining the student learning outcome assessment process. Faculty have adopted full ownership of the process which is now integrated into the College culture. The requirement that faculty and others directly responsible for student progress for achieving stated student learning outcomes incorporate that into evaluations has been achieved through the *Tenure Candidate Handbook* and *Tenured Faculty Professional Growth and Evaluation Handbook*. MiraCosta evaluates its governance structure using an ongoing, pervasive, and systematic process and uses results to improve its institutional effectiveness. This mechanism has completed three annual cycles.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to have fully resolved all deficiencies within two years of when they were first identified to the College, and to have addressed all recommendations.

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At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence in order to confirm that the College's described changes and steps taken to achieve full compliance with Standards have been sustained.

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

The Commission also requires that the Midterm Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.*

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of MiraCosta College will occur in **spring 2016**.

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 educational quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Dr. Robert Pacheco, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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