

June 15, 2023

Dr. Mark Sanchez  
Superintendent/President  
Southwestern College  
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Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Dr. Sanchez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 7-8, 2023, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Southwestern College. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies identified by the peer review team during the fall 2021 comprehensive visit and demonstrated compliance with the Standards cited in the Commission's January 27, 2022 Action Letter.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that Southwestern College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standard I.B.5. The Commission requires that you disseminate the Follow-Up Report and this letter to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website within seven business days of your receipt.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report<sup>1</sup> due on October 15, 2025. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2028 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2028.

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<sup>1</sup> Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, Special Reports, or Teach-out plans/agreements to the Commission should review *Guidelines for Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/>.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Southwestern College undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact Dr. Mac Powell or the vice president assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Mac Powell, MBA, Ph.D.  
President



Lori Gaskin, Ph.D.  
Chair

cc: Ms. Isabelle Saber, Accreditation Liaison Officer