

January 26, 2023

Dr. Donald G. Wallace
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Dear Dr. Wallace:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-12, 2023, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Palo Verde College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on November 7, 2022. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies 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 Palo Verde College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B.2, I.B.3, I.B.4, and II.A.3. The Commission requires that you disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Peer Review Team 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. A final copy of the Peer Review Team Report is attached.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on March 15, 2024. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the fall term of 2026 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the spring term of 2027.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Palo Verde 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.

¹ 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/>.

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: Mr. William Smith, Accreditation Liaison Officer