

January 16, 2024

Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey  
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Dear Dr. Rivera-Lacey:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, at its meeting January 10 - 11, 2024, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Palomar College. The Commission appreciated your spoken remarks, as well as the presence of Ms. Michelle Barton, Accreditation Liaison Officer. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies identified by the peer review team during the February 28 - March 3, 2022 comprehensive visit and demonstrated compliance with the Standards cited in the Commission's June 14, 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 Palomar College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards III.D.1 and III.D.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 March 15, 2026. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the fall term of 2028 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the spring term of 2029.

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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 the Accreditation Handbook and applicable report templates available on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/accreditation-handbook-and-report-templates/>.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Palomar 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. Michelle Barton, Accreditation Liaison Officer