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January 29, 2010

Dr. Erlinda Martinez
President
Santa Ana College
1530 W. 17th Street
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Dear President Martinez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Santa Ana College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Tuesday, November 17, 2009. The Commission took action to accept the report, **remove Warning**, and reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that Santa Ana College complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Commission asks that a Follow-Up Report be submitted by **October 15, 2010**. The Report should provide sufficient evidence that each component of District Recommendation (below) has been resolved.

District Recommendation 1

The Team recommends that the district evaluate its planning processes, including the integration of technology, staffing and facilities master plans to ensure the budget is used as a planning tool to achieve its strategic goals.

As part of this integration, the Team recommends that the allocation model for resources be based on the plans, program reviews and the sustainability of the planning process and that the outcomes from these activities be formally and broadly communicated to ensure quality. This requires that the District evaluate the outcomes of the budget process and use that data in subsequent budget development. (Standards I.A.1, I.A.3, I.B.4, I.B.6, II.A.1, II.A.2.f, III.D.1, III.D.2, III.D.3, IV.B.3.a, IV.B.3.b)

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college 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 college staff and to those who were signatories of your college report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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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 institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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