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Dr. Lori Gaskin  
Superintendent/President  
Santa Barbara City College  
721 Cliff Drive  
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Dear President Gaskin:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by Santa Barbara City 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 Study Report.

The Commission noted that Santa Barbara City College responded to all five recommendations from the comprehensive review and provided progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report.

The report noted that the College changed Administrative Procedure 4170A for conducting program reviews to include a program review template for requesting new and replacement faculty positions; the College conducts regular surveys/discussions to focus on college constituency's inclusion and effectiveness in its participatory governance, emphasizing the role of managers; the College has pared down and restructured the operational structure to maximize the inter-relatedness of programs and services and the efficiency gained through reorganization; the College has engaged a consultant to assist in the detailed examination and rewrite of all board policies and administrative procedures (expected to be completed in late spring, 2013); and provided evidence that Board Policy 2435 requires that the Board conduct a regular evaluation of the Superintendent/President's performance.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence and confirm that these College changes and improvements have been sustained.

Dr. Lori Gaskin  
Santa Barbara City College  
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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 the 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.*

The next comprehensive evaluation of Santa Barbara City College will occur in **Fall 2015**.

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 quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Mr. Robert Else, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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