

June 12, 2024

Dr. Torence Powell  
Superintendent/President  
Napa Valley College  
2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway  
Napa, CA 94558

Dear Dr. Powell:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, at its meeting June 5-6, 2024, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Napa Valley College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on April 8, 2024. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies identified by the peer review team during the Fall 2022 comprehensive visit and demonstrated compliance with the Standards cited in the Commission's January 26, 2023, Action Letter.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Defer Action**. The Commission finds that Napa Valley College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets:

- Standard I.B.2 (College Requirement 1)
- Standards I.B.7, I.C.5, and IV.A.7 (College Requirement 2)
- Standards III.D.3 and III.D.4 (College Requirement 4)
- Standards IV.A.1, IV.A.2, IV.A.3, and IV.A.5 (College Requirement 5)
- Standard IV.C.12 (College Requirement 6)

The Commission found **continued non-compliance** with:

- Standards III.B.4 and III.C.2 (College Requirement 3)
- Standards III.D.1 and III.D.2 (College Requirement 4)

The College is **required to submit a Follow-Up Report<sup>1</sup> to address the remaining deficiencies by March 1, 2025**, which will be followed by a visit from a peer review team. The accredited status of the institution continues during the deferral period.

In accordance with federal regulations and the *Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions*, compliance requirements must be addressed, and the institution must demonstrate that it aligns with Standards within three years of first receiving notification of noncompliance, by January 2026. If the institution cannot document that it has come into compliance within the designated period, the Commission will take adverse action.

The Commission looks forward to receiving Napa Valley College's report demonstrating that it has addressed the deficiencies and supports your institution's efforts to come into compliance.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up 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.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Napa Valley 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: Dr. Robyn Wornall, Accreditation Liaison Officer

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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/>.