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Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President  
El Camino College  
16007 Crenshaw Boulevard  
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Dear Dr. Fallo:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), at its meeting on March 18, 2015, reviewed the Eligibility Application prepared by El Camino College Compton Community Education Center (the Center). I am pleased to inform you the Commission acted to approve Eligibility.

As a result of the Commission's action, El Camino College Compton Community Education Center is now eligible to conduct a self evaluation using the *Eligibility, Candidacy and Initial Accreditation Manual* and the *Guide to Evaluating Institutions*. The Center will submit an Institutional Self Evaluation Report in application for Candidacy. Submission of the Report will be followed by an evaluation team visit for the purpose of determining that the Center meets or exceeds Accreditation Standards, Eligibility Requirements and ACCJC policies. The Commission will then consider the institution's Report, the report of the evaluation team, and decide whether to award Candidacy to El Camino College Compton Community Education Center. The Commission's decision will take one of three forms: 1) award Candidacy; 2) deny Candidacy; or 3) defer a decision on Candidacy.

The Center should work with ACCJC to mutually determine a time frame for a comprehensive evaluation visit. The Center is encouraged to take the time necessary to use the self evaluation process for its primary purpose as a tool for rigorous institutional analysis and improvement. Assistance from ACCJC staff and access to training for institutions undergoing self evaluation are both available to the Center as it prepares an Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

In its public statements, it is appropriate and necessary for the Center to include narrative that describes the action of the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees to develop a second, full-service institution within its District. There should be an appropriate adjustment of the name of the Center to reflect its institutional status shortly after it gains Candidacy. The Center should also make it clear to the public that for accreditation purposes, it remains part of El Camino College.

During the period in which the institution prepares its self evaluation, it does not have a publicly recognized relationship with ACCJC as an independently accredited institution and it should not represent itself to students or the public or governmental agencies, accrediting bodies or any other interested parties as having an affiliated status with ACCJC. The Commission conducts its business in a climate of mutual trust and respect for each of its member institutions, while maintaining its responsibilities to multiple public interests. Please feel free to call us at any time if you have questions about the accreditation process.

On behalf of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, I wish to welcome the Center and its staff to the next phase of activity in the accreditation process. Voluntary, non-governmental accreditation as practiced by the regional accrediting bodies and ACCJC provides quality assurance to the public and stimulus and support for institutional improvement and excellence. Accreditation has served institutions and the public well, and remains the best means of insuring quality, integrity and effectiveness in higher education.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.

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cc: Keith Curry, Provost/Chief Executive Officer,  
El Camino College Compton Community Education Center  
Thomas Henry, Special Trustee for Compton Community College District