Mac Powell, President Kathleen F. Burke, Chair

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Outcomes Innovation Improvement

Mr. Gene Edelbach President California Preparatory College 245 E. Redlands Blvd. Ste. P San Bernardino, CA 92408

Dear Mr. Edelbach:

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The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, at its meeting June 4-5, 2025, reviewed the Special Report, Teach Out Plan, and related evidentiary materials, submitted by California Preparatory College. The Commission further appreciated your spoken remarks. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has submitted the required report and demonstrated compliance with Eligibility Requirements identified in the Commission's January 16, 2024, and subsequent June 12, 2024, and January 21, 2025, action letters.

Upon consideration of the report and evidentiary materials, and oral information noted above, the Commission determined that California Preparatory College continues to be out of compliance with the following Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards, or Policies:

## **Eligibility Requirement 5: Financial Accountability**

The institution annually undergoes and makes available an external financial audit by a certified public accountant or an audit by an appropriate public agency. Institutions that are already Title IV eligible must demonstrate compliance with federal requirements.

## Eligibility Requirement 21: Integrity in Relations with the Accrediting Commission

The institution provides assurance that it adheres to the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies, describes itself in identical terms to all its accrediting agencies, communicates any changes in its accredited status, and agrees to disclose information required by the Commission to achieve its accrediting responsibilities. The institution will comply with Commission requests, directives, decisions and policies, and will make complete, accurate, and honest disclosure. Failure to do so is sufficient reason, in and of itself, for the Commission to impose a sanction, or to deny or revoke candidacy or accreditation. (Standard I.C.12 and 1.C.13).

Given the serious concern on the part of the Commission regarding the continued noncompliance issues, the Commission acted to **Mandate Show Cause** and **Require a Show Cause Report to address the deficiencies within twelve (12) months.** The Commission also acted to accept the Teach-Out Plan submitted as part of the Special Report. The Show Cause Report is due May 1, 2026, and must include overdue financial audits to date for fiscal years ending 2023 and 2024.

Per the ACCJC <u>Policy on Teach-Out Plans and Agreements</u>, the Commission also requires the College to submit a Teach-Out Plan and Teach-Out Agreement with its Show Cause Report.<sup>1</sup>

The accredited status of the institution continues during the show cause mandate.

In accordance with federal regulations and the ACCJC <u>Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions</u>, compliance requirements and deficiencies must be addressed and the institution must demonstrate that it aligns with Commission Standards and Policies within three years of first receiving notification of noncompliance, by January 2027. If the institution cannot document that it has come into compliance within the designated period, the Commission will withdraw accreditation.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Special Report, Teach Out Plan, and this letter to all campus constituencies, including current and prospective students and the public by placing copies on the College website within seven business days of your receipt. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page. In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within one business day following notification of the date of the Commission's action.

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,

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President

Kathleen F. Burke, Ed.D.

Chair

cc: Mr. Joel Peterson, Accreditation Liaison Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 template available on the ACCJC website at https://accjc.org/accreditation-handbook-and-report-templates/.