

September 7, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda
Chancellor
Pima County Community College District
4905C E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85709-1005

Dear Chancellor Duran-Cerda:

This letter is to inform you that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC or “the Commission”) has reviewed the response provided by Pima County Community College District (“the Institution”) to the complaint received by HLC on July 5, 2023. Thank you for submitting this information.

As you recall, HLC initially reviewed the complaint to determine whether it suggested potential substantive noncompliance with the Institution’s ability to meet the Criteria for Accreditation or other HLC requirements. Based on that initial review, HLC determined that the information contained in the complaint raised potential concerns regarding the Institution’s compliance with the HLC requirement noted in the letter dated July 28, 2023.

The Institution was afforded an opportunity to respond to provide evidence that it continued to meet the requirement noted in that letter in light of the complaint. The Institution submitted its response on August 25, 2023.

Upon review of the Institution’s response, it was determined that the Institution provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the matters raised in the complaint do not indicate substantive noncompliance with the HLC requirement noted previously. Therefore, no additional review will be conducted by HLC regarding these matters at this time.

Future peer review teams will not be provided a copy of this information as part of the evaluative process. The Commission will retain a copy of the materials related to its review of the complaint, including this letter and prior correspondence, for five years. At the end of this five-year period, the materials will be destroyed in accordance with HLC’s retention schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your HLC Staff Liaison, Dr. Linnea Stenson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Rucker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Rucker
Associate General Counsel

Cc: Wendy Weeks, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Curriculum and Quality Improvement,
Pima County Community College District
Linnea A. Stenson, Vice President of Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning
Commission