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Re: The People of the State of California v. ACCJC

Dear Chancellors:

Thank you very much for your letter dated October 22, 2014. I appreciate your interest and the interest of the Community College League of California in this matter.


Although trial begins in five days, I wanted to make sure to respond to your letter and quickly clear up two facts.

First, since I filed this case on behalf of the People of the State of California, seeking a fair process for City College of San Francisco and all California Community Colleges, I have made clear that my office would be happy to have settlement discussions and/or attend a mediation. A widely respected mediator, who specializes in high stakes matters, Tony Piazza, reached out and offered to mediate the matter - pro bono. My office accepted that offer, and presented the issue to the Court for reference to mediation. City College of San Francisco also agreed to participate. The Court encouraged all parties to mediate. ACCJC refused. To date, ACCJC - and ACCJC alone - refuses to engage in settlement discussions. I hope that clears up any misunderstanding about my office's willingness to engage in good faith settlement discussions.

Second, I want to make clear that my office is not acting out of emotion or politics. To the contrary, this matter was brought to ensure that all California Community Colleges are assured fairness when they are evaluated. This is the only way in which the public can be assured that our Community Colleges, which serve this State so well, are being treated lawfully and fairly.

Again, I thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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