



ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR  
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

Dear Colleagues,

I write today with a mix of gratitude and bittersweet emotion to inform you that Vice President Gohar Momjian will be leaving the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, effective July 25, 2025. Gohar has accepted the position of Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Institutional Effectiveness, and Engagement at the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Over her eight-year tenure at ACCJC, Gohar has exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, collegiality, and unwavering commitment to institutional improvement. Her leadership has been instrumental in supporting member colleges through accreditation processes with clarity, compassion, and rigor. Among her many accomplishments, she played a pivotal role in the successful implementation of the 2024 Standards and in guiding the Commission through its most recent re-recognition by the U.S. Department of Education—an affirmation of our shared commitment to quality and continuous improvement in higher education.

While we will greatly miss Gohar's insights and presence, we are excited to support her as she takes on this important new role in our community college system.

In the interim, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Adam Karp and Kristin Charles have agreed to serve as Interim Vice Presidents to ensure continued support for our institutions and to maintain momentum during the Fall 2025 accreditation cycle. *ACCJC staff will send notifications of staff liaison reassignments to member institution CEOs and ALOs this week. Only those who were in Gohar's portfolio have changed.*

Dr. Adam Karp brings over two decades of experience in the California Community Colleges system, including 11 years in administrative roles. He has served as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Innovation and as Accreditation Liaison Officer at American River College, where he led strategic planning and governance redesign efforts and chaired multiple accreditation processes. A tenured professor of Spanish, Dr. Karp combines deep knowledge of accreditation with a longstanding commitment to diversity, equity, and student success.

Kristin Charles currently serves as Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement and Effectiveness and Accreditation Liaison Officer at City College of San Francisco. With over 20 years in executive and leadership roles at CCSF, Kristin has been a guiding force in accreditation, integrated planning, grant development, and institutional effectiveness. She has contributed to multiple ACCJC initiatives, including the Standards Review Peer Writing Team, and is widely recognized for her collaborative leadership and data-informed approach.

Please join me in thanking Gohar for her extraordinary service. I have every confidence that the ACCJC team will continue to advance our mission with the same care, vision, and excellence that our institutions and teams have come to expect.

Kind regards,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Mac Powell', with a stylized, flowing script.

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