

# Letters to the Editor 09-01-13

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## **Accreditation is the issue**

The Aug. 30 Daily Press addressed the recent Victor Valley Board of Trustee meetings, specifically called on the subject of the appointment of an interim president. I note that the online version held the headline of "Concern over timing of the selection of a president," while the printed version's headline was "support for Peter Allan." The online emphasis is the more correct report of the meetings.

Participants and interested residents in the Community Call to Action are focused on accreditation. We are dedicated to saving the college and correcting any deficiencies. We are ardent supporters of excellence in education, not any one person.

We did not voice support for Allan, we voiced support for accreditation and expressed our concern about the timing of selection of an interim. Our efforts and goals have always been accreditation and as much as we need, and desperately want, new leadership, we believe accreditation is the most urgent issue to be addressed. This is not the time to appoint an interim president. It should be deferred until the current accreditation report and visit is complete.

Our fear is that we will not make the grade with ACCJC. The existing administration and faculty are responsible for the outcome. If we go "show cause," let it be on their watch, no one else's.

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