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Carlyle Carter
CEO/President, California Community College Athletic Association
Executive Director, California Community College Commission on Athletics
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Dear Mr. Carter and Members of the CCCAA/COA Board:

Allan Hancock College appreciates your consideration of our official institutional response regarding the reconferencing recommendation. We value and understand the urgency in creating cost containment measures in order to maintain robust athletic programs across the State of California. We appreciate the efforts by those attempting to facilitate progress in terms of aligning schools with respect to geography. However, Allan Hancock College **does not** support the alignments as proposed in the current COA-CCCAA Cost Containment package. While we have verbalized this opposition within the framework of public comment during Management Council and COA Board meeting, we are providing here a written response to the proposal.

Allan Hancock College opposes reconferencing (specifically AHC moving into the CVC) for the following reasons:

- Student-athletes at AHC will be academically vulnerable due to increased travel schedules. Additional time in travel will inhibit athletes' ability to maintain adequate academic progress during the season. In a best case scenario, increased travel time will average 1 hour and 50 minutes per contest under this proposal. (See Exhibit A, time and travel analysis.)
- Currently, AHC athletes travel in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Travel within the Central Valley Conference includes Tulare, Fresno, Kern, and San Luis Obispo County. The statistics concerning injury accidents and fatalities are **significantly** increased for travel on associated highways (166 & 46), which statistically are considered high accident routes by California Highway Patrol. (See Exhibit B, CHP Statistics.)
- Realigning AHC with the Central Valley Conference will increase athletic expenditures in reference to direct costs incurred on behalf of increased travel for AHC. Travel to the central valley will essentially triple the athletes' travel time and budget requirements. (See Exhibit C, cost analysis.)
- AHC is predominately staffed by part-time coaches. Additional travel time will cause undue burden on employees who will be required to take additional time off of their full-time work assignments in order to represent AHC. This will likely adversely impact retention of coaches.


- Budget augmentations will not be available to AHC athletics to cover increased costs due to reconferencing. Therefore, AHC athletics will be faced with possible discontinuance of specific sports programs to make funds available to remaining sports.
- Local high school districts participate in the CIF Southern Section. CIF has always recognized our community as logical participants in Southern California. This is consistent with the geography associated with AHC and WSC. Re-conferencing would create a disruption in this alignment.
- In the past, cost containment strategies have consistently reduced costs for everyone across all member colleges. According to the reconferencing proposal, some colleges benefit at the expense of others. The COA is imposing its jurisdiction beyond athletics and dictating “fiscal efficiencies” in local college budget decisions.

Allan Hancock College supports the commission’s cost containment measures with the exception of reconferencing. The irony in the reconferencing proposal is that the intent to contain cost actually poses considerable cost increases to AHC. The realignment further contradicts its geographical proximity criteria by placing AHC further away from its natural borders. Currently, at no time do AHC teams drive past non-conference colleges. AHC has recommended an alternate proposal in relation to reconferencing by consolidating conferences to include a reduced number of schools in each conference. (See Exhibit D, “Southern California Community College Alignment Proposal.”)

Allan Hancock college recognizes that there are no perfect solutions to the challenges faced by California Community Colleges’ athletic program. However, the proposed reconferencing of AHC to the CVC will threaten our fifty-year history of intercollegiate sports.

In conclusion, Allan Hancock College has numerous concerns regarding realignment. We are adamantly opposed to any recommendation that we would be required to increase travel. Our staff, including coaches, faculty, and administrators, are in agreement with these concerns.

Sincerely,



José M. Ortiz, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

Exhibit A

Conference Realignment Travel Impact Analysis (Mileage and Time)

WSC Travel Locations	Miles (RT)	Hrs (RT)	Valley Travel Locations	Miles (RT)	Hrs (RT)
Moorpark	278	4:30	Sequoias	324	7:28
Oxnard	230	4:00	Bakersfield	264	6:28
Ventura	216	4:00	West Hills-Coalinga	246	5:40
Santa Barbara	148.6	2:30	Taft	171.4	4:34
Cuesta	66.6	1:12	Cuesta	66.6	1:12
Totals Roundtrip	939.2	16:12	Totals Roundtrip	1072	25:22:00
<u>Average Div. Game</u>	<u>187.84</u>	<u>3:15</u>	<u>Average Div. Game</u>	<u>214.4</u>	<u>5:04</u>
Bakersfield	264	6:28	Columbia	656	12:56
Canyons	274	6:00	Fresno City	336	7:56
Glendale	314	6:04	Merced	444	9:46
Pierce	272	5:26	Porterville	346	8:30
Citrus	356	6:42	Reedley	344	8:24
Santa Monica	308	5:56	West Hills-Lemoore	270	6:12
West L.A.	312	6:02			
Totals Roundtrip	2100	42:38	Totals Roundtrip	2396	53:44:00
<u>Average Cross Game</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>6:05</u>	<u>Average Cross Game</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>8:57</u>
Divisional Matches	Total Inc.	Avg Inc.	Crossover Matches	Total Inc.	Avg Inc.
<u>Mileage Difference</u>	<u>132.8</u>	<u>26.56</u>	<u>Mileage Difference</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>99</u>
<u>Time Difference</u>	<u>9:10</u>	<u>1:49</u>	<u>Time Difference</u>	<u>2:52</u>	<u>1:29</u>

Exhibit B

Statistics from 2007 CHP Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS)

Central Valley Conference County Roads vs Western State Conference – County Roads

TABLE 8D FATAL COLLISIONS BY COUNTY 1998 – 2007

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

Kern	101	112	123	115	141	155	121	150	169	142
Tulare	93	60	85	73	86	86	84	97	87	76
Fresno	129	162	112	139	153	174	136	141	133	141
Averages	108	111	107	109	127	138	114	129	130	120

San Luis	34	35	28	31	33	30	43	45	35	45
Santa B	34	29	29	36	30	37	34	61	39	42
Ventura	54	52	82	66	60	73	66	63	75	71
Average	41	39	46	44	41	47	48	57	50	53

TABLE 8M PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED IN DUI/PCF COLLISIONS BY COUNTY 2003 - 2007

COUNTY	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Fresno	44	694	49	570	55	560	48	632	64	728
Kern	25	614	28	615	27	579	33	648	19	632
Tulare	17	329	25	311	37	341	23	342	22	311
Average	29	546	34	499	40	493	35	541	35	557

SLO	13	189	15	286	18	226	13	248	17	229
Santa Barbara	11	303	4	309	16	315	11	346	20	357
Ventura	19	514	11	460	10	543	22	564	18	567
Average	15	335	10	352	15	361	15	386	18	384

TABLE 8L DUI/PCF1/ FATAL AND INJURY COLLISIONS BY COUNTY 2003 - 2007

COUNTY	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Fatal	Injury	Fatal	Injury	Fatal	Injury	Fatal	Injury	Fatal	Injury
Fresno	34	418	42	359	44	385	39	383	55	418
Tulare	16	188	21	185	26	192	20	202	22	197
Kern	25	384	27	366	25	391	26	401	17	420
Average	25	330	30	303	32	323	28	329	31	345

San Luis	11	139	14	188	16	163	11	187	17	165
Santa Barbara	8	211	4	220	14	209	8	246	15	236
Ventura	16	360	11	328	10	388	16	398	18	402
Average	12	237	10	245	13	253	12	277	17	268

Exhibit C

If AHC Travels through WSC by Vans

Trip List	Vans or Bus	how many?	Trip Miles	Mileage Rate	Total Cost	Trip Hours	Driver Salary	Total Salary Cost	Total Estimate
Ventura	Vans	3	216	0.55	\$356.40		####	\$0.00	\$356.40
San Luis Obispo	Vans	3	90	0.55	\$148.50		####	\$0.00	\$148.50
Santa Barbara	Vans	3	148	0.55	\$244.20		####	\$0.00	\$244.20
Oxnard	Vans	3	230	0.55	\$379.50		####	\$0.00	\$379.50
Moorpark	Vans	3	278	0.55	\$458.70		####	\$0.00	\$458.70

Total \$1,587.30

If AHC Travels through WSC by Bus

Trip List	Vans or Bus	how many?	Trip Miles	Mileage Rate	Total Cost	Trip Hours	Driver Salary	Total Salary Cost	Total Estimate
<i>If AHC bus, please insert the number 1</i>					<i>Driver's Salary is Average of regular rate of pay and OT</i>				
Ventura	Bus	1	216	0.55	\$118.80	4	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$198.80
San Luis Obispo	Bus	1	90	0.55	\$49.50	1.25	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$74.50
Santa Barbara	Bus	1	148	0.55	\$81.40	3	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$141.40
Oxnard	Bus	1	230	0.55	\$126.50	4	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$206.50
Moorpark	Bus	1	278	0.55	\$152.90	4.5	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$242.90

Total \$864.10

IF AHC TRAVELS BY VANS throughout Central Valley

Trip List	Vans or Bus	how many?	Trip Miles	Mileage Rate	Total Cost	Trip Hours	Driver Salary	Total Salary Cost	Total Estimate
<i>If AHC bus, please insert the number 1</i>					<i>Driver's Salary is Average of regular rate of pay and OT</i>				
Taft	Vans	3	88	0.55	\$145.20		###	\$0.00	\$145.20
Reedley	Vans	3	344	0.55	\$567.60		###	\$0.00	\$567.60
Porterville	Vans	3	346	0.55	\$570.90		###	\$0.00	\$570.90
Sequoias	Vans	3	324	0.55	\$534.60		###	\$0.00	\$534.60
Bakersfield	Vans	3	264	0.55	\$435.60		###	\$0.00	\$435.60
West Hills-C	Vans	3	246	0.55	\$405.90		###	\$0.00	\$405.90
West Hills-L	Vans	3	270	0.55	\$445.50		###	\$0.00	\$445.50
Fresno City	Vans	3	336	0.55	\$554.40		###	\$0.00	\$554.40
Merced	Vans	3	444	0.55	\$732.60		###	\$0.00	\$732.60

Total \$4,392.30

IF AHC TRAVELS BY BUS throughout Central Valley

Trip List	Vans or Bus	how many?	Trip Miles	Mileage Rate	Total Cost	Trip Hours	Driver Salary	Total Salary Cost	Total Estimate
<i>If AHC bus, please insert the number 1</i>					<i>Driver's Salary is Average of regular rate of pay and OT</i>				
Taft	Bus	1	88	0.55	\$48.40	4.5	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$138.40
Reedley	Bus	1	344	0.55	\$189.20	8.5	\$20.00	\$170.00	\$359.20
Porterville	Bus	1	346	0.55	\$190.30	8.5	\$20.00	\$170.00	\$360.30
Sequoias	Bus	1	324	0.55	\$178.20	7.5	\$20.00	\$150.00	\$328.20
Bakersfield	Bus	1	264	0.55	\$145.20	6.5	\$20.00	\$130.00	\$275.20
West Hills-C	Bus	1	246	0.55	\$135.30	5.5	\$20.00	\$110.00	\$245.30
West Hills-L	Bus	1	270	0.55	\$148.50	6.25	\$20.00	\$125.00	\$273.50
Fresno City	Bus	1	336	0.55	\$184.80	7.5	\$20.00	\$150.00	\$334.80
Merced	Bus	1	444	0.55	\$244.20	9.5	\$20.00	\$190.00	\$434.20

Total \$2,749.10

Western State Travel

Travel Costs per Sport by Van = \$1,587.30

Travel Costs per Sport by Bus = \$864.10

Central Valley Travel

Travel Costs per Sport by Van = \$4,392.30

Travel Costs per Sport by Bus = \$2,749.10

EXHIBIT D

Southern California Community College Alignment Proposal

Considerations in reference to grouping based solely on Geography.

Orange Empire

(Keeps 8 teams -- but Riverside leaves)

Pacific Coast

(San Diego Region --9 teams—stays in tact)

New Central Coast Conference

Cuesta
AHC
SBCC
Oxnard
Moorpark
Ventura
LA Pierce

New Desert Conference

COD
San Jacinto
San Bernardino
Riverside
Victor Valley
Barstow
Chaffey
Cerro Coso

Foothill

Bakersfield
Taft
Canyons
LA Mission
AVC
LA Valley
Glendale

WSC

Mt. Sac
Citrus
Pasadena
Rio Hondo
Cerritos
East LA
Santa Monica
LA City

South Coast

Long Beach
Compton
Harbor
LA Southwest
LA Trade Tech
ELAC
West LA
El Camino