



MEDIA ADVISORY

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CFT Calls on Accrediting Commission to keep City College open

Faculty, students to rally outside meeting for fair accreditation reform

- Who:** Joshua Pechthalt, President, California Federation of Teachers
Tiffany Monica Louie, City College of San Francisco student, rally emcee
Jim Mahler, President, CFT Community College Council
Tim Killikelly, City College of San Francisco, faculty union president
Shannon Lienhart, Palomar College
Janelle Hampton, Peralta Community College District
Frank Espinoza, San Jose City College
Joanne Waddell, LA Community College District, faculty union president
Vincent Pan, Executive Director, Chinese for Affirmative Action
- What:** Protest outside ACCJC meeting
- When:** Friday, June 6, 2014, 11 A.M.
- Where:** Citizen Hotel, 926 "J" Street, Sacramento
- Visuals:** Banners, human billboarding by community college faculty and students
*** Students and faculty will be wearing "yellow and red for public ed"! ***

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has the ability to rescind its decision to close City College of San Francisco as of July, but maintains it does not. This is but one of the many misstatements, errors of fact, and improper decisions rendered by this Commission, not only in San Francisco, but throughout the state.

Community college faculty from throughout the state will join City College of San Francisco faculty and students to protest the attempt by a rogue agency to deny access to affordable quality public education to 80,000 low income students of color, and to shut down the most important job trainer for Bay Area businesses. They will also call for legislation to reform the broken accreditation process in California.

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