June 7, 2013

The Honorable Das Williams
Assembly Higher Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 2083
Sacramento, CA  95814

RE:   SB 576 (Block) Commission on Teacher Credentialing
  Position: Support/Sponsor

Dear Assemblymember Das Williams:

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to support and cosponsor Senate
Bill 576 by Senator Marty Block.  This bill would add an ex-officio member of the California
Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) designated by the Board of Governors of the California
Community College. This representative would replace the representative from the now defunct
California Postsecondary Education Commission. Representatives from the California State
University (CSU) system, the University of California (UC) system, and the Association of
Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) serve as ex-officio members.

Community colleges play an integral role in preparing teachers with 50 community colleges having
articulation agreements for teacher preparation pipeline programs with their counterparts in the CSU,
UC or AICCU systems. Community colleges also offer programs in child development and
administration and other related areas for child development credentials. Four of the five child
development credentials can be obtained with an associate’s degree or less and these credentials make
up 20% of all credentials issued by the CTC. A community college representative will enable the
system to provide input and a unique perspective that will assist the CTC in its mission of ensuring a
well-prepared and exceptionally qualified educator workforce.

The Chancellor's Office thanks you for your consideration of this measure and urges your support. If
you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (916) 445-4434.

Sincerely,

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cc:   Senator Marty Block
  Members of the Assembly Higher Education Committee