# IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE El Centro Focus Group Easel Notes November 5, 2003

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### How many have attended IVC?

Six

#### Video

Lab is outdated.

# **IVC's Linkage to Total District**

Community needs to be more involved with IVC – develop a strong relationship with the community

### Role of IVC

Jobs and transfers to colleges and universities College needs to go to the community

# Relationship with IVC and your community

College uses local school facilities for classes

### Changes in your community

El Centro is becoming a bedroom community of San Diego New audience New housing developments

### Reputation of IVC in your community

Difficulty getting classes
Quality of instruction is good
Students have difficulty transferring to a college or university in two years

## How has IVC contributed to your community?

Disabled Students Program

### What does IVC do for your community?

## **Transportation**

Implement a Saturday schedule Showcase IVC through an open house

### **General Impressions**

Have classes for senior citizens Provide transportation Need to publicized Go to churches/community centers

## Would you recommend IVC?

Yes

### **Changes for IVC**

Add more classes
Expand nursing program

### Slogan

Agree

## Most critical factor to attend or not attend IVC

Financial difficulties Lack of Classes

## Strengths

Preschool Training in child care

#### Weaknesses

Outdated Science Lab Shortage of classes

### **Future of IVC**

Survey those purchasing new homes
Provide intensive English courses
Teachers should take courses to become better teachers

### **Online at IVC**

Agree

## **Economic Development**

Well-educated work force

# **Training Programs**

Ask community
More vocational classes with certificates
Cosmetology
Air Conditioning
Landscaping
Banker

### IVC's co- and extra-curricular activities

Basketball

## **Arts/Sports Programs IVC should offer**

Programs should go off campus

## How has IVC affected your lifestyle?

Educated family members

## **Experience and impressions in working with IVC?**

Positive

More affordable

### **Changes for IVC**

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Can't get classes

Can't get there

Temporary 500 buildings

### **Best facility at IVC**

Auditorium

Gym

Planetarium

Swimming Pool

### **Worst Facility at IVC**

Science building

500 buildings

## How did you hear about IVC's programs, services, and registration dates?

Catalogs

Mail

TV

Radio

## How do you receive regular info on IVC?

Web

Alumni publication

#### How would like to receive info about IVC?

Student speakers should go to elementary schools, high schools, and service clubs

### Conclusion

Main source of information

Better preparation of studies

Communication with public regarding catalogs