

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
BRAWLEY FOCUS GROUP
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Every participant had either attended IVC or had family members who had attended IVC.

Many positive comments about the extended campuses; convenience, accessibility, counselor on site.

Positive comments about IVC serving the community by providing a start for those wanting to become teachers, providing nurses for local hospitals, providing ongoing training for employees of local businesses, career advancement.

Positive comments about IVC providing something for all age groups, from young people to reentry students. Positive comments about the caring faculty, support services and workshops, bus service.

Negative comments were limited to overcrowded classes, inability of students to get necessary classes, number of students who eventually dropped those hard-to-get courses.

Suggestions for improvement: Need for better communication with communities as to what is offered at IVC. For instance, flyers should be posted at the Clinica, churches, elementary schools, as well as distribution of class schedules to those locations.

Need for solution to overcrowded classes, and better accessibility to hard-to-get classes.

Mention of the notion that certain groups receive preferential treatment in terms of accessibility to classes.

Need for IVC to do more outreach to communities, offer support services workshops in the communities as well as on the main campus.

Need for more awareness of what IVC can offer, i.e. begin early with junior high and high school students so that they aren't as eager to leave the Valley.

Suggestion that IVC access "joint use" facilities for on line courses, courses in the communities.

Suggestion that IVC have a football team and swim team, and host community athletic leagues.