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COMMENDATION OF STATE SENATOR AND 2016 PCC
DIAMOND ALUM JACKIE WINTERS

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REPORT: State Senator Jackie Winters recently passed after a prolonged battle with cancer. Her academic journey began right about the time PCC became a community college. Winters graduated from Portland Public Schools and enrolled in its adult vocational program that would later become PCC in 1961. Her experience at the fledgling community college led her to the Oregon University System's Continuing Education Program where she studied Intergovernmental Relations.

Winters was first elected to the Oregon House in 1998 and then to the Senate in 2002. She became Senate minority leader in 2017, but had to relinquish the position due to her health. She served on the Legislature's Ways and Means budget committee, was the first African-American Republican elected to office in the state, and the longest serving female Republican senator in the history of Oregon.

Her community leadership included chairing Salem's first million dollar United Way campaign, starting Oregon's first food share program, and helping to establish the Oregon NW Black Pioneers Association that raises money for student scholarships. She also served on the Salem-Keizer Blue Ribbon Committee for Excellence in Education, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon College of Education Foundation, now the Western Oregon University Foundation.

Winters received numerous awards and recognitions, including: the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Award, the National Alliance on Mental Illness "New Freedom Award", "Drum Major Award," NAACP President's Award for Advancing the Cause of Civil Rights in Oregon, Willamette University Community Service Award, Oregon Health Care Achievement, Oregonians for Food and Shelter Award (four times), Family Building Blocks Most Valuable Players Award, City of Salem Distinguished Service Award (twice), United Way Outstanding

Achievement Award, United Way Gold Award, Salem Keizer Schools Appreciation Award, Multi-Culture Law Students (twice), and was named to the International Women's Who's Who list.

RECOMMENDATION: That the PCC Board of Directors posthumously acknowledge and commend State Senator Jackie Winters for her leadership and long-standing support and partnership with Portland Community College and higher education.