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01-023

BOARD RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO
MEASURE 9

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REPORT: **Ballot Measure 9** on the November 7, 2000 General Election ballot, prohibits community colleges and local school districts from 'presenting instruction in the behaviors relating to homosexuality and bisexuality' and calls for sanctions including withholding of state funds if institutions are found to be in noncompliance with the measure.

Portland Community College's mission is to provide quality education in an atmosphere that encourages the full realization of each individual's potential. Further, PCC is a comprehensive postsecondary academic institution which is founded upon the principle of academic freedom and the rights of its employees and students.

Ballot Measure 9 would restrict the college's principles of academic freedom, require censorship of faculty, staff, instructional materials and curriculum and interfere with student counseling activities. The measure is unclear and would create an atmosphere of mistrust and secrecy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the PCC Board oppose Measure 9 and communicate its opposition to students, staff, faculty and the general community.

Director Anderson moved for approval of Resolutions 01-015 and 01-017 through 01-023 and it passed unanimously.