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RENAME THE CASCADE CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION BUILDING TO THE SENATOR
MARGARET G. CARTER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
BUILDING

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REPORT: Since her arrival in Oregon more than four decades ago, Senator Margaret G. Carter has been an unwavering advocate for the prosperity and well-being of North and Northeast Portland. Her long association with Portland Community College (PCC) and Cascade Campus has undergirded her dedication to community service. Senator Carter worked at PCC as a counselor and faculty member at the Cascade Campus for 27 years, beginning in 1973. In these roles she worked to educate and uplift the people of Portland – particularly those from underrepresented communities – a commitment which she carried with her to the Oregon Legislature. As a state Representative, and later as a state Senator, she lent her considerable talent and industry to the support and advancement of community colleges throughout Oregon. Senator Carter was a champion of community college funding, especially during her time on the budget-writing Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislature. Funding for a multi-million dollar capital project for Cascade was approved by the legislature during her tenure, and she was instrumental in funding for the Skill Center at the Cascade Campus, serving as the primary proponent for the center in several sessions.

In recognition of her long service to the College, Campus and community, the Cascade Campus Skill Center was renamed in 2007 as the Margaret G. Carter Skill Center. This was a fitting tribute to a woman, and a program, that has helped thousands of people improve their lives, advance their educations and find gainful employment. A vast majority of Skill Center students have never been in

a college classroom before enrolling in the program and a sizeable portion have progressed from the Skill Center to become mainstream college students and contributing members of the community.

Senator Margaret Carter further demonstrated her commitment to educational opportunity and empowerment with her establishment of the Senator Margaret Carter Endowed Scholarship at the PCC Foundation. Senator Carter has inspired a group of businesses and citizens to contribute to her named scholarship, which provides support to Black and African American students at PCC.

PCC Board policy permits the Board of Directors to consider naming proposals for individuals, families, and companies who have provided "extraordinary service" to the College or to the community.

To rename in Senator Carter's honor the building that houses the Skill Center, the Technology Education Building, would cement her legacy as a friend and advocate of the people of Portland and of Oregon, as well as her prominent and cherished relationship with Portland Community College.

RECOMMENDATION: That the PCC Board of Directors rename the Cascade Campus Technology Education Building the Senator Margaret G. Carter Technology Education Building.