

July 17, 2003

04-022

COMMENDATION OF PRESIDENT JESUS "JESS"
CARREON

PREPARED BY:

Doreen Margolin, Board Chair

REPORT:

Dr. Jesus "Jess" Carreon served as President of Portland Community College from July 2001 to July 2003. During his tenure at the college he made significant contributions to the college and to the community.

Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution to commend PCC's fourth President, Dr. Jesus Carreon.

The PCC Board of Directors, on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and community extends their appreciation to Dr. Jesus Carreon for his leadership as President of Portland Community College from July 2001 to July 2003.

President Carreon was a strong and persuasive advocate for PCC in the community. He served on the board of the Portland Business Alliance, the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Leaders Roundtable, Portland Parks Advisory Committee, St. Vincent Hospital, The Portland Progress Board, and worksystems inc. He heightened community and business leaders' awareness of the role and relevance of Portland Community College to the economic vitality of the region. He became a visible presence at community events and a tireless promoter for the needs of community college students. He spoke to hundreds of organizations, working on evenings and weekends to attend and speak at community gatherings. He served as an inspiration to many young people and as a conscience to many adults.

Jess Carreon brought humor, humanity and a no-nonsense approach to the business of the college, always focusing on what was best for students. He immediately launched a

strategic planning process that involved people at all levels of the college and the community and will result in an educational master plan to guide PCC in the future. He brought about the reorganization of the delivery of basic skills instruction and led the reorganization of the extended learning components of the College to result in better service and improved efficiency.

Dr. Carreon guided the College through five special sessions of the Legislature, and proved himself an effective spokesperson and lobbyist for community college needs. He was passionate in testimony to legislators, commanding their respect and attention. The College and the Board appreciated Jess' leadership during months of budget uncertainties and resulting reductions, and his ability to effectively communicate complicated issues to a variety of audiences. He included students as well as faculty, administrators and classified staff on his budget advisory committee, and kept the entire college community as well as the general public well informed about budget problems and resolutions.

The Board thanks Jess Carreon for his visionary leadership, his energy and enthusiasm for community colleges, and his unquestioned commitment to our students. The Board thanks him for guiding PCC through budget challenges, for bringing a higher level of respect and appreciation for PCC to the community at large, and for setting a course for the future. The Board wishes Jess and his family personal and professional happiness and success in the future.

Director Margolin made a motion to approve Resolution 04-022 and it was approved unanimously.