



August 6, 2004

The Honorable Victor Atiyeh  
519 SW Park, Suite 208  
Portland, OR 97225

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

Thank you for willingness to help restore the marble monument and replace the dedication plaque for the segments of columns in Willson Park that you and Dolores were instrumental in preserving in 1980.

Gerry Thompson indicated that you were willing for letters to go out with your signature to help raise these funds. The letters are enclosed along with an envelope for you to return them to us after they are signed. We will insert into envelopes and mail the letters from the State Capitol.

We tried to select people from the Oregon State Capitol Foundation's database whom we thought might be interested in this project. Please feel free to remove any letters from the stack that you do not think are appropriate and let me know if there are other people who you think should receive a letter.

If you have any questions, please call me at 503-986-1654. Thank you, again, for your time and effort and for lending your name to this important project.

Respectfully,

Debbie Lowery  
Project Coordinator

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- Senator Jason Atkinson
- Senator Ginny Burdick
- Senator Peter Courtney
- Representative Vic Backlund
- Representative Steve March
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August 10, 2004

Senator Jackie Winters  
900 Court St. NE, S-212  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear <sup>Jackie</sup> Senator Winters,

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I am writing to ask your help for a project that is very dear to my heart. Located in Willson Park, the grounds adjacent to the State Capitol, are segments of Corinthian columns that originally were part of those that graced the west and east entrance porticos of Oregon's first statehouse. These columns were found during 1980 in Mill Creek, near the Governor's residence, and on the State 4-H property. They were salvaged and returned to their original location for the interest of historical preservation.

My wife, Dolores, and I promoted the idea of preserving the column segments as a piece of Oregon's history. Mrs. Atiyeh worked with the Oregon Historical Properties Committee, Department of General Services' employees, and personnel and inmates from the Oregon State Penitentiary to design and construct a display of the segments. In addition, many citizens donated time, talent and materials to this project so that Oregonians and visitors could enjoy a part of Oregon State Government history.

The marble monument and dedication plaque, originally installed on February 12, 1981, have weathered over the years to the point where the text on the plaque is nearly illegible. It is Mrs. Atiyeh's and my desire to raise funds to repair the monument and replace the plaque. The Department of Administrative Services will cover the repair cost of the marble monument. The cost for a new brass plaque is approximately \$910.

If you can help with the costs for a new plaque, please consider a tax-deductible contribution made payable to: Oregon State Capitol Foundation, 900 Court St. NE, Room 140-A, Salem, OR 97301. Your contribution should specify that it is for the "Marble Columns Plaque."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Governor Victor Atiyeh

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