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LOCAL NEWS

Honoring Gladys McCoy

New building will retain leader's name

Gladys McCoy, a name synonymous with advancing the cause of the black community in Portland and defending the rights of families and children, will remain the name of the Multnomah County Health Department headquarters when it moves to a new location, downtown.

The decision to retain the honorary name was approved by the Multnomah County Commission last week in a resolution presented by Commissioner Loretta Smith.

McCoy was elected to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in 1978 and re-elected in 1982. In 1986, she was elected county chair and re-elected again before her death in 1993.

She earned a master's degree in social work from Portland State University in 1967 and her social services work for Portland Head Start propelled her to run for public office. She was elected to the Portland School Board in 1970 and served two four-year terms.

Smith's resolution honors McCoy for her considerable accomplishments, including setting up a social service program in the former Columbia Villa housing project, relentlessly working to stabilize county funding, expanding and meeting county affirmative action goals, increasing citizen participation in government, increasing minority representation on county boards and commissions, and standardizing the county's charitable contribution



Gladys McCoy program.

Multnomah County is undergoing the planning and design process to relocate its vital health department headquarters from the Gladys McCoy Building at 423 S.W. Stark St. to Northwest Sixth Avenue, between Hoyt and Irving streets in Old Town/Chinatown.

Packed Agenda for Lynch Visit

Attorney General on community policing tour

Loretta E. Lynch has set a full schedule for her planned visit to Portland Wednesday with stops at George Middle School in north Portland and the Blazers Boys and Girls Club in northeast Portland as part of an agenda to show local success with community policing and crime reduction.

It will be the second part of a tour she launched last month to visit jurisdictions around the country that have excelled in strengthening relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve and protect.

U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams of Oregon said Portland is known for innovative approaches to community problem solving and local law enforcement, residents and community leaders will share with Lynch how these relationships and partnerships are enhancing public safety in our community.

While in Portland, she will observe and participate in the G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program, a gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula targeted toward elementary youth.

Lynch will also hold a press availability at the



Loretta E. Lynch

Blazers Boys and Girls Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, visit with Portland Police Bureau officers and thank them for their service to the community and visit staff at the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Oregon.

The Attorney General's national Community Policing Tour builds on President Obama's commitment to engage with law enforcement and other members of the community to implement key recommendations from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing final report.