

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of danporth@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 4:00 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: Jackie Winters - Wikipedia.pdf

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City	Salem
State	OR
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Message	Regarding the possible renaming of Center Street - I would like to propose that consideration be given to a local person of color. Specifically I would like to nominate Jackie Winters (Jackie Winters Way) as the person who should be given this honor. She should need no introduction to be recognized, but just in case see the attached file.

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Jackie Winters

Jackie Winters (April 15, 1937 – May 29, 2019)^[1] was an American Republican politician in the U.S. state of Oregon. She served as a state senator, representing the 10th district in Salem. She was Senate Minority Leader. She died of lung cancer on May 29, 2019.^[2]

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Early life

Jackie Winters began her lifelong interest in citizen involvement in public policy as she listened to her parents' discussions around the table, first in Topeka, Kansas where she was born, and later in Portland, Oregon where her family moved in 1943. She attended Portland Public Schools and continued her education through the Oregon State University System's Continuing Education coursework, with an emphasis on Intergovernmental Relations.

She began her governmental service in 1959 at University of Oregon Medical School in the medical records unit and later joined the staff of the Portland Model Cities Program. In 1969 she was recruited to be supervisor of the Office of Economic Opportunity's New Resources Program at the request of Governor Tom McCall. In 1979 she was appointed Ombudsman by Governor Victor Atiyeh. During this service, she helped create the Oregon Food Share Program, the first statewide non-profit food sharing network, which continues today serving most of Oregon's neediest families.

In 1985, Winters opened her first Jackie's Ribs restaurant, in Salem. Over time, she and her family expanded operations to include three restaurants, two franchises, catering services, private parties and numerous appearances in national Bar-B-Q Cook-offs.

Jackie Winters



Minority Leader of the Oregon Senate

In office

November 15, 2017 – January 22, 2019

Preceded by Ted Ferrioli

Succeeded by Herman Baertschiger Jr.

Member of the Oregon Senate from the 10th district

In office

January 13, 2003 – May 29, 2019

Preceded by Avel Gordly

Succeeded by Denyc Boles

Member of the Oregon House of Representatives from the 31st district

In office

January 13, 1999 – January 13, 2003

Preceded by Bryan Johnston

Succeeded by Betsy Johnson

Personal details

Born April 15, 1937
Topeka, Kansas, U.S.

Died May 29, 2019(aged 82)

Political party Republican

Political career

Education

Portland Community College
Oregon State University

Winters was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1998, and became the first African-American Republican ever to serve in the Oregon Legislative Assembly.^[3] She was re-elected to this office in 2000. Jackie Winters was elected to the Oregon State Senate in 2002. She won reelection in 2006, 2010 and again in 2014.

She ran for the U.S. Congress in 2004, losing in the Republican primary to Jim Zupancic, who went on to lose in the general election to incumbent Darlene Hooley.^[4]



Winters (right) in 2016

On November 15, 2017, Winters was elected as Senate Minority Leader to replace Ted Ferrioli. She became the first black legislative leader in the state.^{[5][6]}

Legal dispute

In 2018, Winters and the Home Owners Association she serves on was sued for violating the Fair Housing Act and Oregon's own fair housing laws. The HOA board Winters serves on allegedly contacted the Salem-Keizer School District and ordered the bus for a disabled girl to pick her up from a road outside the HOA subdivision instead of her home. When challenged by the girl's mother, the HOA banned buses from entering HOA subdivision entirely. Another family in the subdivision with a disabled child reportedly also had their child's bus service banned from the subdivision.^{[7][8]}

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External links

- Official State Senate biography
- Official campaign website

- Appearances on C-SPAN

<u>Oregon Senate</u>		
Preceded by <u>Ted Ferrioli</u>	Minority Leader of the <u>Oregon Senate</u> 2017–2019	Succeeded by <u>Herman Baertschiger Jr.</u>

Amy Johnson

From: Hazel Patton <ptn1363@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Chuck Bennett; citycouncil
Subject: Martin Luther King naming

Dear Mayor and City Councilors,

I have heard there is a movement to rename Center Street after Dr Martin Luther King. I would like to offer an alternative thought. While Center Street is a main street that takes one either to downtown and West or East towards the State Hospital and shopping opportunities. It really is just a functioning not very attractive street. It does not seem to reflect Dr Kings legacy or message.

I would like to suggest that a more appropriate naming opportunity would be one of our City parks. These are places where people gather and celebrate. These are places where children of all colors can enjoy each others company. While some of our parks are names after places, others after people, it seems there is no precedent in how or why they are named, where as for example our schools are named after former Governors. Maybe the newly acquired park off of D street near the Dome Building would be a good one to name after Dr King? It would be such an appropriate way to honor him as well as the black Lives Matter movement.

Thanks for your consideration.

Hazel Patton

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Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of joypo.ore@pdxconnect.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 3:20 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Joyce
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City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97305
Message	At this time of heated political unrest, demonstrations, protests and violence, I DO NOT think it is the right time to change the name of Center St. to MLK or change any other street names. Thank you.

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Amy Johnson

From: Kris Phillips <kriskrazy1@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2020 10:41 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Center Street Name change

Categories: Follow-up

Hello City of Salem Council,

I watched the meeting on Monday and was surprised to hear the consideration for the name change of Center street. I am not against it, but this really should be something the community supports and is truly behind. It should not be just one person coming up with an idea and running with it.

As a long time resident of the city, I would support a name change. I just don't support the idea that it should be named Martin Luther King JR street. How original is that? Not at all. Every city has a street named after him. Don't you think it is time to recognize some of America's other great black Americans that took a stand? There are so many to choose from, people that faced the darkness this country went through and came out on the other side as a positive and influential figure.

I would like for the Council to seriously consider naming the street after Maya Angelou. This woman faced far more discrimination than Martin Luther King Jr ever did. She turned her history into something positive for our Nation. If you are unaware of who she is or what she has done, then you will really enjoy looking her up.

I have one more name for you to consider. York. He was the first black man to reach the Pacific Ocean with Lewis and Clark and later became a free man. Now, that is some great Oregon history and someone worth naming a street after.

Center Street is such a vital vein in our city. Please take care when renaming it.

Kris Phillips-Fletcher

Amy Johnson

From: Laura Adams <ladams562@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 2:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: MLK Ave

Time to catch up to the rest of the country! I emphatically support the renaming of a street downtown, like Center Street, MLK Ave.

Amy Johnson

From: Linda Miller <bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 8:48 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Renaming Center Street/ Center Street Bridge

Categories: Follow-up

Since the city council is considering renaming Center St to MKL St why not rename the Center Street Bridge for the first female Black Engineer at Nasa Mary W Jackson!

I was touched as I read the book Hidden Figures and watched the movie how these women worked to overcome racism at NASA and the agency that preceded NASA. These women were brilliant and fought to overcome segregation and sexism! What a wonderful example for the young women of our area! I could see a plaque in Riverfront Park and Wallace Marine explaining the name for the bridge! Obviously the name Martin Luther King needs no explanation!

We are a caucasian family, but engineers have a special place in my heart! My youngest daughter was one of 3 female mechanical engineers in her class at the University of Portland and is an engineer with one of the big 3 automakers and our son who also graduated from University of Portland is a nuclear engineer!

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Amy Johnson

From: Paul Crosby <phcrosby@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 1:51 AM
To: citycouncil
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Subject: Proposal to re-name Center Street.....

Honorable Council Members,

I would like to register my strongest opposition to any proposed name change of Center Street to Martin Luther King Street.

I would like to instead suggest some other way to express our highest and most reverent regard to Dr. King, such as a statue in his image in a prominent and attractive place on city property, such as the Riverfront Park, or possibly on or near the state Capitol Mall.

I would further like to suggest that as the capital city of Oregon, and as a nation as a whole, that we cannot possibly erase the smudge of slavery from our past. It is an important part of our history which must not be forgotten.

We must find some way to preserve reminders of slavery for ourselves and for our own future generations, in a proper way of saying, "Never again!"

Consider how the German people have preserved some of the Nazi concentration camps as a reminder of the atrocities that were committed there against the Jewish people in World War Two.

The German people hold them up for all to see, in the full light of day, even for visitors to see, and as a reminder to their present and future generations of that part of their own national history.

They have chosen this as part of their own way of saying, "Never again!"

I would like to suggest this as a stance that we, as a city and a nation, should take in regard to our own unforgettable history of slavery in the United States of America.

Statues of Confederate army generals should be preserved and handled in a proper and reverent way, and kept in a manner similar in spirit to what the German people have done relative to their unforgettable history of Nazi war crimes.

We need to find our own way of saying, properly, as the Germans do, "Never again!"

Thank you.

Paul H. Crosby

Sent from my iPad

