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## **ATIYEH MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNERS ANNOUNCE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE**

Planners of a public memorial service for the late Governor Vic Atiyeh said today that a procedure has been put in place to allow members of the public to make voluntary, tax deductible donations to defray out-of-pocket costs of the memorial service.

Contributions can be made to the Oregon State Capitol Foundation Fund, which has 501(c)(3) credentials. Checks should be marked "Atiyeh Memorial." Donations also can be made on line through the Foundation's website, [www.oregonlegislature.gov/foundation](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/foundation).

The public memorial is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 3, and will be held in the Oregon House of Representatives Chamber at the Capitol (900 Court Street, Salem, Oregon 97301). Seating in the House Chamber is limited, so Capitol staff are arranging for overflow seating in the main bank of Capitol hearing rooms. Both video and audio coverage will be available in the overflow areas.

A public reception will follow the service and will be held in the Galleria. It will include a display of materials from the Atiyeh Archive at Pacific University. Light refreshments will be served.

On-street parking is available around the Capitol in spaces operated by the City of Salem.

Those planning the public memorial service emphasized that the contribution process represented "an opportunity to participate,

not a requirement to do so.” They also said no out-of-pocket expenses would be covered by state taxpayer funds.

The planners gave credit to legislative leaders for offering to donate space at the Capitol in the immediate aftermath of Atiyeh’s death in late July. Calls came from both House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney offering all appropriate “legislative courtesies.”

In addition to the procedure for defraying costs of the memorial service, the Atiyeh family has designated two organizations as recipients of general memorial contributions in the governor's honor - - the Pacific University Atiyeh Archives (in care of Pacific University, 2043 College Way, Forest Grove 97116) and the Cascade Pacific Council of Boy Scouts of America (2145 SW Naito Parkway, Portland 97201).

Continuing updates on the memorial service are available on special pages, which can be clicked on through the legislature’s official website, [www.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov), as well as the Capitol Foundation page on that website.

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