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### **ASSEMBLY MEMBER CAROL LIU APPOINTED TO CLAREMONT UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM BOARD OF OVERSEERS**

**CLAREMONT, Calif.** — The appointment of Assembly Member Carol Liu to the Claremont University Consortium (CUC) Board of Overseers was announced today by Brenda Barham Hill, CEO, and Robert E. Gipson, Board Chairman.

Hill stated, "Liu brings to the CUC Board impressive experience as a dedicated civic leader and educator. Ms. Liu has been an advocate for higher education at the state level; she understands the issues facing private and public colleges and universities. Her insight into critical policy issues will be of invaluable assistance to the CUC Board of Overseers."

Assembly Member Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge) took office to represent the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in 2000. She is completing her third and final term in the Assembly this year. The 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes the cities of La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Temple City, Duarte, and parts of Arcadia and Monrovia; the community of Altadena; and portions of the City of Los Angeles communities of Glassell Park, Highland Park, and Eagle Rock. Liu was first elected to public office in 1992 as a member of the La Canada Flintridge City council where she served for eight years including two as Mayor.

Liu stated, "My number one priority is to make California's education system the best in the nation and to ensure access to a quality higher education for all Californians." Liu has Chaired the Assembly Higher Education Committee for the last four years.

During her tenure in the Assembly, Liu served as Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, Chair of the of the Women's Legislative Caucus, and Chair of the Select Committee on Adult Education. She also served as a member of the Assembly Education Committee. Education-related legislation she authored that has been signed into law include bills to reinvigorate career and technical education programs at the high school level, provide college loan forgiveness to members of the National Guard, and lower the costs of college textbooks.

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Liu was a member of the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education sponsored by State Higher Education Executive Officers in 2004-2005 and now serves on The Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education sponsored by National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL).

A variety of organizations have named Liu “Legislator of the Year” including: California State Student Association (2003), University of California Alumni Associations (2003), California Industrial Technology Education Association (CITEA) (2005), The California League of High Schools (2005), School Counseling Association (2005), The California League of Middle Schools (CLMS) (2006), Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) (2006), and The California School Boards Association (2006).

A fifth generation Californian and the child of an immigrant, Liu was born in Berkeley and raised in Oakland. She attended public schools and graduated from San Jose State College in 1963. She earned a lifetime teaching credential and an administrative credential from the University of California, Berkeley School of Education. Liu taught public school for 14 years before becoming a school administrator. She also served as Executive Director of the Richmond Federation of Teachers.

Upon moving to Southern California in 1984, Liu became an active volunteer and civic leader, working on public education and other issues affecting quality of life. She served as a PTA President, President of the Pasadena City College Foundation Board and Co-Chair of the Pasadena City College sports complex capitol campaign. She is a former member of the U.C. Berkeley Foundation Board of Trustees.

Liu is married to Michael Peevey, President of the California Public Utilities Commission. They have three grown children: Jed, Maria, and Darcie; and three grandchildren.

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Claremont University Consortium (CUC) is the central coordinating institution of The Claremont Colleges. As such, CUC provides common services for the internationally renowned cluster of two graduate and five undergraduate colleges serving more than 6,000 students. The consortium offers the expansive physical facilities and wide selection of courses, faculty, student services and extracurricular activities of a university, and the personalized education of small private colleges. The Consortium includes Pomona College (established in 1887), Claremont Graduate University (1925), Scripps College (1926), Claremont McKenna College (1946), Harvey Mudd College (1955), Pitzer College (1963), and the Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Science (1997) and Claremont University Consortium (1925).