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## **Statement From PVSC On The Passing Of Former Commissioner Mildred Crump**



**Newark, NJ** – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (“PVSC”) joins with the City of Newark in mourning the loss of Commissioner Crump, our beloved commissioner of more than seven years, a dear and treasured friend of the entire PVSC family, and a true giant of public service to citizens of the State of New Jersey and her longtime hometown of Newark.

An extraordinary woman who will long be remembered for her tireless advocacy for women, children, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and working families, Mildred was a true trailblazer in her professional life and during her decades of public service. A teacher and educational consultant for more than 40 years, Mildred was the first Black braille teacher in the State of New Jersey.

Equally noteworthy, Mildred was the first Black woman elected to the Newark City Council, the first woman to serve as Newark City Council President, and the first Black woman to serve as a Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioner, where she served as Board Secretary during the entirety of her tenure between November 2015 and February 2023. Although the honors and awards she received are too numerous to list here, Mildred remained ever humble and preferred to discuss her strong faith and her cherished family, including her son Larry, who she was proud to see assume her position as a Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioner.

Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers will be with Mildred’s family, friends, and the many people whose lives she touched at this difficult time.