

# Kitzhaber: 'I will continue to pursue our shared goals ... in another venue'

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third term in 2010, and was elected again Nov. 4, but by just under half the votes cast in a six-way race.

In 1998, Kitzhaber won his second term by the largest margin in 48 years. But in 2010, he won a third term by the smallest margin since 1956.

In recent times, only Mark Hatfield (46 years), Ted Kulongoski and Vic Atiyeh (28 years each) have been on Oregon's public stage longer.

As secretary of state, Brown will succeed Kitzhaber. There is no special election. Brown will serve only until the 2016 general election, when the Oregon Constitution specifies an election for the remaining two years of Kitzhaber's term.

If Brown ran and won in 2016, she would be eligible in 2018 to seek a single term of her own.

The most recent midterm vacancy for governor was in

1956, when Paul Patterson died of a heart attack. Elmo Smith, the Oregon Senate president who was then next in line of succession, took over. But Smith — father of future U.S. Rep. Denny Smith — lost to Democrat Robert Holmes for the two years remaining in the term. Holmes, in turn, lost to Mark Hatfield in 1958.

Kitzhaber turns 68 on March 5.

## Kitzhaber's fall

After a tumultuous week, Kitzhaber announced his resignation via a news release. He did not appear in person in his ceremonial office, where a gaggle of reporters and photographers waited.

In his statement, he spared no criticism of the news media or legislative leaders who had called publicly for his resignation.

His statement in part: "I must also say that it is deeply troubling to me to re-

alize that we have come to a place in the history of this great state of ours where a person can be charged, tried, convicted and sentenced by the media with no due process and no independent verification of the allegations involved.

"But even more troubling — and on a very personal level as someone who has given 35 years of public service to Oregon — is that so many of my former allies in common cause have been willing to simply accept this judgment at its face value.

"It is something that is hard for me to comprehend — something we might expect in Washington, D.C., but surely not in Oregon."

Since Oct. 8, when Willamette Week first reported Hayes' efforts to use her position as honorary first lady on behalf of her private consulting business, there has been a steady stream of news disclosures.

They were not enough to deter Kitzhaber's re-election Nov. 4, although he won with just under half the votes cast among six candidates. But his once-commanding lead over Republican Dennis Richardson, a conservative state representative from Southern Oregon, dropped sharply.

The course of events changed with a Jan. 27 story by the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau about \$118,000 that Hayes received for consulting work that she would not discuss. Other news organizations then reported that Hayes apparently did not report that income on tax returns that had been released to them.

Kitzhaber then declared at a Jan. 30 news conference that Hayes would no longer have a policy or political role in his administration. But his appearance and responses raised more questions.

## Blast at allies

As for Kitzhaber's criticism of political allies, his words appeared aimed at Senate President Peter Courtney of Salem and House Speaker Tina Kotek of Portland, both Democrats who called publicly for his resignation Thursday after they urged him privately a couple of days earlier to do so.

Kitzhaber's jostling with Republican legislative majorities during his first two terms as governor earned him the moniker of "Dr. No," for his 202 vetoes.

He was much more successful at the start of his third term in 2011, when he obtained approval of sweeping education and health-care overhauls from an evenly split House and a narrowly divided Senate.

Two years later, when Kitzhaber had his first Democratic majorities while governor, he won their approval of a "grand bargain" that cut some

business taxes and raised others — and pared public pension cost-of-living increases, yet raised school and human services spending.

However, even though Kitzhaber was credited with saving the deal when it appeared it might fail, it also soured legislators on the governor — and the 2014 election did not replenish his political capital with them or the public.

He also said in his statement last week:

"It is not in my nature to walk away from a job I have undertaken — it is to stand and fight for the cause. For that reason I apologize to all those people who gave of their faith, time, energy and resources to elect me to a fourth term last year and who have supported me over the past three decades. I promise you that I will continue to pursue our shared goals and our common cause in another venue."

# Auction: Student-created art brought in more than \$2,000 at the auction

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Developer and commercial property owner Terry Lowenberg bought the signs for \$500 each. In total, student-created art brought in more than \$2,000 at the auction.

The foundation, said Windsor, has kept its assets at more than \$1 million for the past year. Each year, it uses its assets, gathered through the auction, to give out thousands in scholarships to departing Knappa seniors and thousands more to migrant funding projects in the district requested by faculty.

"We set aside percentages," said Windsor about deciding how much to donate. "We want to be self-perpetuating and for the foundation to keep growing."

Last May, the foundation awarded about \$30,000 in scholarships. It also donated \$30,000 to help purchase new mathematics curriculum. Windsor said it was more of a one-off purchase based on something the district felt it needed direly.

In October, it awarded more than \$40,000 in minigrants, which has helped buy a woodworking lathe, yearbook equipment, photography class cameras, art class textbooks, graphing calculators, Google Chromebooks for second-, third- and sixth-graders, fisheries class rain gear, science class hot plates and journalism class supplies.



**Auctioneer Max Stewart gives a thumbs-up from behind a giant salmon sign during the Knappa Schools Foundation's auction at Knappa High School Saturday. The sign was one of two hand-painted by Knappa High School students.**

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**Jordan Walter shows off a quilt up for auction.**

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**Amanda Nichols, center, shows off a small rifle up for auction.**

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## Recall: If Widdop is voted out of office, City Council President Sue Lorain will serve the remainder of the mayor's term

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within the next two weeks.

Gable has a team of individuals ready, he said, to go after more signatures before the deadline if some of the submitted signatures are not qualified. He believes that should not be an issue.

"I feel we've already got that done," Gable said.

He said the collection of signatures went well and they gathered "more than enough."

"We had a great team of people," he said. "We would have liked to get another hundred or so, but I think if it goes to vote, it will show up there."

Even once the signatures are verified, his work is not done, he said.

"We're in for whatever it takes," he added.

If Widdop does not resign, an election must be held within 35 days of the expiration of the resignation period.

Gearhart will incur the cost of the election, which is estimated at about \$6,000 to \$8,000 and not previously included in the city's budget, Sweet said. Already the city has spent time and money to handle the situation, he added.

In the event Widdop is voted out of office, City Council President Sue Lorain will serve the remainder of Widdop's term — about two years — and the council will appoint someone to fill her vacated seat.

Gable said he's confident the recall will be successful and that it would be in the city's best interest for Widdop to resign to avoid the city spending money on an election.

Widdop said Monday she has made her decision about resigning or submitting a statement and that she would not comment until she is officially notified that the signatures are verified.

## Brown: Shipley worked with two previous governors

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Shipley has served a couple of stints for Brown in two of her previous positions. He was chief of staff when Brown was the Senate Democratic leader about a decade ago, and chief of staff for several months after Brown was re-elected secretary of state in 2012.

He also has worked for two previous governors. After he left Brown the first time, he rose to become a deputy chief of staff to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, overseeing energy and climate change policies and state spending of federal stimulus funds.

He also was legislative director for Kitzhaber — a job he also had under Ku-

longoski — but left at the end of the 2011 session, Kitzhaber's first during the third term.

"This job is going to be a lot more challenging," Kulongoski said.

Once called executive assistant — the title was changed in the late 1980s — the chief of staff oversees the governor's staff and carries out what the chief executive wants done.

Shipley has had a long acquaintance with Salem. While still a student at Willamette University in the 1990s, Shipley worked for then Reps. Judy Uherbelau of Ashland and Kitty Piercy of Eugene.

He earned his bachelor's degree in politics and environmental science

from Willamette in 1996. He earned his law degree at Georgetown University, and could have gone to a top law firm. But he returned to Oregon to work as a legislative assistant for a state senator.

"I made a conscious decision to get back into public service in that building," he said of the Capitol, in a Willamette University article in 2009.

He also worked for Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem.

In 2011 and 2012, after his stint with Kitzhaber and before he worked with Brown during her tenure as secretary of state, Shipley was with Forest Capital Partners, an investment firm in Portland.