

## Commissioners choose St. Paul resident Jessica George to fill House District 25 vacancy

BY JOEY CAPPELLETTI  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Commissioners from Marion, Yamhill and Washington counties voted Friday afternoon to appoint Jessica George as the next state representative for House District 25. George will replace Bill Post, who resigned in October after seven years as the District 25 representative.

"I want to thank former Representative Bill Post for his service and congratulate Jessica George on her appointment today to House District 25," Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron said. "Jessica's experience being in the state capitol as a staffer in the past and her relationships she has established in the building will make her an asset to her constituents."

In the past, George has worked as a legislative staff member for former senators Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day) and Larry George (R-Sherwood), who is also her husband. George's father, Rod Johnson, is also a former state senator.

In addition to being a mother of three children, George now works as a project manager for the George Packing Company in Newberg, where her family grows and processes hazelnuts.

Other candidates in consideration were Jessica Davidson and Scott



Jessica George (left) and Scott Guptill respond to questions from county commissioners on Friday, Dec. 10.

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Guptill, both of whom are Keizer residents. George was appointed to the vacancy by a six to one vote at the joint meeting on Friday, Dec. 10. She will represent the residents of Keizer, St. Paul and Newberg in the Oregon

House until January 2023.

After the three Republican candidates introduced themselves, county commissioners took turns asking the candidates questions. During her answers, George said she was pro-life,

anti-mask and vaccine mandates and would walk out of state Legislature to deny a quorum if she deemed it necessary.

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## Applicants file for vacant Council position

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After councilor Ross Day tendered his resignation from Council Position #2 on Nov. 3, a number of individuals familiar to Keizer residents threw their names in the ring for the vacant position.

### Michele Roland-Schwartz:

Roland-Schwartz, has been the executive director for the Oregon Attorney General's Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force since 2013. The Keizer-based task force, a private, non-profit, fosters collaboration to between numerous agencies and research disciplines to create a culture more attentive to the needs of sexual assault victims. She ran for

Council Position #3 in November 2020 but was beaten out by Kyle Juran.

### Hersch Sangster:

A former Keizer first citizen, Sangster is a member of Salem Bicycle Club, as well as co-founder of the Monster Cookie, which is now the oldest group bike ride in Oregon. Additionally, he has served on a number of committees and boards that advise and make recommendations to the Keizer City Council. He also has been a member and chair of the Keizer Planning Commission, Keizer's voice on the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study and a member of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

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Roland-Schwartz



Sangster

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