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New Seattle Chief

Mayor nominates Boston native Kathleen O'Toole

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SEATTLE (AP) — Kathleen O'Toole, a one-time Boston police commissioner and former inspector general for Ireland's national police force, was nominated Monday as Seattle's first female police chief.

If approved by the City Council, she would take over a department of about 1,300 officers that has been struggling to carry out a reform agreement under federal oversight.

Mayor Ed Murray made the announcement at a City Hall news conference. O'Toole, who also served as inspector general of Ireland's national police force, beat out two other finalists: Elk Grove, California, Police Chief Robert Lehner and Mesa, Arizona, Police Chief Frank Milstead.

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Former Seattle chief John Diaz announced his retirement in April 2013 after a rocky, three-year tenure. He was succeeded by two interim chiefs, Jim Pugel and Harry Bailey.

U.S. Justice Department investigators found in 2011 that officers too often escalated situations unnecessarily and sometimes

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FAMILY



PHOTO BY HELEN SILVUS

Paul Rummell, Ben West and their son Jay Rummell-West celebrated legalization of same-sex marriage in Oregon on the steps of the Melody Ballroom. Rummell and West were plaintiffs in the case.

Same-Sex Marriage in Oregon

Couples flock to get hitched after judge throws out wedding ban

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Supporters of same sex marriage in Oregon waited 10 years for this day.

A federal judge based in Eugene on Monday struck down a voter-approved measure that defined marriage in the state as a union between one man and one woman.

The ruling touched off a wave of jubilation and tears among same-sex couples and a rush to county offices to get marriage licenses. In some cases, couples didn't bother waiting for a weekend to get hitched. They figured a sunny Monday would do just fine.

Caroline Redstone and Dawn Jones pledged to stay together "in sickness and in health, until death do us part" at a Portland event hall.

"It's amazing, all the community support!" Jones, 42, said right after she and Redstone, 38, were married at Melody Ball-

room. The two women have been together for five years, have lived as domestic partners for four, and are expecting a baby this year. "We are part of history."

County clerks across the state started issuing marriage licenses shortly after noon, when McShane's ruling was announced. Multnomah County issued more than 70 before day's end, according to Oregon United for Marriage.

Some couples in Portland lined up for their licenses more than four hours before McShane released his opinion.

Laurie Brown, who works in advertising, and attorney Julie Engbloom arrived at the county building a little before 8 a.m. The couple, who celebrated their 10-year anniversary last month, got married later in the day.

"We always knew we wanted to spend our whole life together," said Brown. "This opportunity has come. It feels right. Everything has fallen into place."

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Homeowner Association Conflicts

One local woman set to lose everything she owns in HOA dispute

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When Denise Kraft bought her home in Northeast Portland — only to move in and discover she had no running water — it seemed simple enough to call the homeowner association management company and have them send

a plumber.

After all, the water was running right into the street, and since all the residents of her HOA were connected to just one broken and aging water main, everyone would end up paying for the leak until it was fixed.

That was almost four years ago. Last month Multnomah County Sheriff's deputies served Kraft with foreclosure papers on her modest, two-story home in troubled

Snoozy's Hollow, also known as Delta-wood.

The low income single mother recently lost a lawsuit brought by her HOA over the debt from that disputed \$1,300 plumbing bill, which led to about \$4,000 in unpaid assessments — monthly fees residents pay their HOA for maintenance and expenses.

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