

Kate Brown Sworn In

John Kitzhaber resigns in wake of federal investigation

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SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Kate Brown was sworn in Wednesday as Oregon’s governor following an influence-peddling scandal that prompted the resignation of fellow Democrat John Kitzhaber, who had been the state’s longest-serving chief executive before his swift fall from grace.

Brown assumed Oregon’s highest office during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Brown, formerly the secretary of state, becomes the first openly bisexual governor in the nation.

Unlike most states, Oregon has no lieutenant governor. Under the state

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constitution, the secretary of state takes over if a governor steps down or dies.

Kitzhaber, elected to an unprecedented fourth term last year, announced last week that he would step down amid allegations his fiancée used her relationship with him to enrich herself.

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In a speech to the Legislature after her

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People gather in an intersection to stop traffic during a rally for Antonio Zambrano-Montes, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, in Pasco, Washington. Zambrano-Montes was shot and killed by police there on Tuesday.

Protests After Police Shooting

Business group calls for federal investigation in worker’s killing

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intersection.

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — Hundreds gathered in southeastern Washington on Saturday to protest police brutality in the wake of a deadly shooting of a man who had been throwing rocks at traffic and the police.

Before the midday rally, children and adults hand-lettered signs, calling for justice for Antonio Zambrano-Montes, who witnesses say was running away when police fired on him Tuesday in a busy

officers.

Consejo Latino Chairman Felix Vargas says he supports law enforcement in general, but he believes there’s a conflict of interest in the investigation by a local law enforcement team. He says a federal probe could accompany the local investigation.

In a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, Vargas says Zambrano-Montes’ constitutional rights were violated.

At the demonstration Saturday, speakers from the community called for a full

review of the Pasco police department and its policies.

Felix Vargas, chairman of Consejo Latino, a group of primarily Hispanic business leaders, called for a federal investigation into the shooting.

After the rally ended, KNDO-TV reported that a smaller group of demonstrators blocked traffic in the area of 10th and Lewis streets. Officers took control of the intersection with no resistance. There was no word of any

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Roosevelt High School Construction

District process renovates campus without moving students

The \$92 million modernization of Roosevelt High School will begin starting this spring. Over the next two and a half years, Roosevelt will undergo a complete renovation through a multi-phase construction process.

Students will remain on campus during the modernization period, moving to different buildings. The project team has been working with the high school staff to mini-

mize the disruption to the students.

Pre-construction starts during spring break with the closing of the gym and nearby classrooms. This will allow the first phase of construction to begin this summer. The initial focus is to renovate the historic theater building, a new visual arts wing and an upgraded gymnasium.

By the summer of 2016, construction will move into the historic main building of

Roosevelt, updating offices and classrooms with seismic upgrades, new plumbing systems and all new IT technology throughout.

In 2017, the new student commons will be completed and open to students. Older buildings such as the library/arts wing, temporary facilities and the old cafeteria will be demolished and, lastly, site landscaping will

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