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**Former Kate Brown Campaign Manager Corroborates Violations By Governor's Office**  
Oregon GOP Demands Answers and Warns of Another Sudden Governor Resignation Post Election

**Wilsonville, OR** – Today an undercover [video](#) surfaced of former Kate Brown Campaign Manager Michael Kolenc corroborating media [reports](#) that in Kate Brown's Governor's Office Staff have been directing campaign staff and resources, covering up campaign activity on the Governor's calendar, and hiding campaign and personal expenses charged to state credit cards - all at taxpayers' expense. Kolenc described the activity as "shady...low-level graft, low-level corruption" and that it was "100% going on....and it happens all the time."

In the undercover [video](#), Brown's former campaign manager further described Governor Brown as a "really awful manager of people, operations and structures," "doesn't hire good managers," and expressed the opinion that Brown was a "fish out of water" that wasn't up to the job from the beginning.

"These statements suggest a very serious pattern of ethics violations and unlawful conduct in office," stated Oregon GOP Chair Bill Currier. "It is against the law for the Governor's staff to be spending time directing Kate Brown's campaign at taxpayer expense. Intentionally hiding these violations from the public is also of great concern. Kate Brown needs to immediately answer whether she knew about any illegal activity that benefitted her political career."

In 2014 serious ethical questions swirled around now ex-Governor John Kitzhaber, but the reports largely escaped scrutiny until after he'd won re-election, leading to his resignation in disgrace in February 2015, just three weeks after his 4th inauguration. His replacement, then Secretary of State Kate Brown, said upon becoming Governor "[it was clear transparency was not a priority in the prior administration](#)" and told Salem lawmakers she had "[changed that \[her\] first day on the job and every day since.](#)"

"Well, it seems like deja vu. Oregon has already suffered the embarrassment of a Governor facing very serious ethical misconduct questions actively avoid scrutiny just before the votes were cast, then get re-elected and resign" stated Oregon GOP Chair Bill Currier.

"Given that Oregon is the only state in the nation in which the legislature cannot impeach and remove a Governor, Kate Brown must give voters clear and truthful answers to these questions NOW, before voting begins in 10 days."

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