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## Oregon House of Representatives elects Tina Kotek to fifth term as Speaker

SALEM – The Oregon House of Representatives today voted to elect Tina Kotek to a fifth term as Speaker of the House.

“I’m deeply honored to continue serving Oregon and my colleagues as their Speaker,” Kotek said. “We have been dealing with crisis after crisis for the past year, and we have many challenges ahead. For the state’s recovery to reach all Oregonians equitably, our actions must be bold, decisive, and transformative. I’m ready to get to work.”

Following the swearing-in of the members of the 81st Legislative Assembly, Representative Tawna Sanchez nominated Kotek on the floor for another term as Speaker.

“I did not know Representative Kotek personally prior to entering the legislature, but I did know of her as an advocate for housing, children and families, for LGBTQ rights and for people struggling with food insecurity in our state, these are traits I admired greatly,” Rep. Sanchez said. “Upon coming to the legislature my respect and admiration for her only grew. I watched her handle difficult decisions with a calm strength that I can only ever hope to emulate. It is that very calm strength that I believe we need so much at this moment in time.”

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