

Governor Larry Hogan

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., is a lifelong Marylander who loves this state. Born in 1956 and raised in Landover, Prince George's County, his interest in politics and governing began at an early age, when his father, Lawrence J. Hogan, Sr., was elected to the U.S. Congress for Maryland's 5th district. As a young man, Governor Hogan worked on his father's campaigns, at first stuffing envelopes and knocking on doors and eventually helping to manage them.

In 1974, the young Larry Hogan learned an invaluable life lesson, one that continues to serve him to this day. His father, Congressman Larry Hogan, was a member of the House Judiciary Committee investigating the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration. The entire world was watching. Despite his own personal considerations, Congressman Hogan cast aside party politics and became the first Republican to vote for President Nixon's impeachment, and the only Republican to vote for all three articles of impeachment. Governor Hogan says he learned more about integrity from his father in that single moment than most people learn in a lifetime.

Governor Hogan attended Florida State University, earning a Bachelors Degree in Government. During this time he also worked in the Tallahassee State House. At the age of 22, Congressman Hogan became County Executive Hogan of Prince George's County and Governor Hogan went to work in his father's administration, learning firsthand the importance of bipartisan cooperation and working across party lines for the greater good. The governor cites his father as his greatest influence and biggest role model.

Following the end of his father's time as County Executive, Governor Hogan left public service to join the private sector. He entered the real estate industry and founded Hogan Companies in 1985. The business quickly became the leading land development firm in the state of Maryland, focusing on economic development and bringing hundreds of businesses and thousands of jobs to the state.

In 2003, Governor Hogan took leave from his business and once again joined the public sector when his friend, Governor Bob Ehrlich, asked him to join his administration as Secretary of Appointments in the governor's Cabinet. When the Ehrlich administration concluded in 2007, Governor Hogan went back to the private sector, believing he might never again serve the people of his state in a public position.



During the O'Malley administration, Governor Hogan grew frustrated with the lack of economic growth in the state and the status-quo politics of Annapolis. In response, he founded the grassroots organization Change Maryland in 2011. What began as an idea between a few friends quickly grew into the largest grassroots organization in state history and the leading voice of support for tax relief, responsible budgeting, and economic growth.

During this time, Governor Hogan and his team published numerous reports detailing the negative effects of the tax-and-spend politics that had dominated Annapolis for years. As awareness of the state's troubling fiscal situation began to spread across the state, tens of thousands of concerned Republicans, Democrats, and independents joined the Change Maryland movement.

As the Chairman of Change Maryland, Governor Hogan traveled across the state listening to the concerns of Marylanders from all walks of life. In his travels he heard one common theme – frustration. Marylanders were tired of the misguided economic policies of that had caused thousands of business and families to leave the state.

In 2014, he knew the time had come to fight for Maryland's future and he announced his campaign for governor. That same year Governor Hogan was elected with a disciplined message of fiscal restraint and the need to get the government off the backs and out of the pockets of businesses and tax payers, in order grow the private sector, put people back to work, and turn the economy around.

The main focus of the Hogan administration is getting the state's budget under control, eliminating waste and abuse in state government, providing tax relief to struggling Marylanders across the state, and bringing jobs and businesses back to the state.

The Hogan administration marks the beginning of a new era of government in Annapolis – one that is inclusive, bipartisan, efficient, and always puts the needs of Maryland families and businesses first.

The governor's success and experience in the private sector, combined with his experience in government, gives him a clear understanding of how government policy can have an impact on business growth and job creation.

Governor Hogan is the first Maryland governor in over 100 years to be elected from Anne Arundel County. He and his wife, Yumi – an artist, teacher, and first- generation Korean-American – have three daughters, Julie, Jaymi, and Kim.