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## **DEMOCRATS EMERGE UNITED FROM FIRST-EVER LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS MEETING**

*DLGA meets for the first-time since establishing itself as national organization*

ALEXANDRIA, VA — Members of the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association emerged united on innovative solutions to help grow their states' economies, strengthen the middle class, and help gain access to quality healthcare and education after their first-ever meeting in Alexandria today all while doubling down on efforts to help get more Democrats elected to office.

*“Progress at the state level is more important now than ever and with my fellow DLGA members, we’re working to develop and advance an agenda that improves the lives of all Americans,”* said Lt. Governor and DLGA Chairman **Justin Fairfax**. *“Lt. Governors are, for the first time, united on solutions to grow the economy and strengthen the middle class and working together to do more at the state level. Our new members are already upcoming leaders in their states and future national leaders. DLGA will continue to recruit and encourage more quality candidates to run for the second-in-command position in their states.”*

The DLGA grew its ranks by more than 50% in the 2018 mid-term elections, going from 14 to 23, with record diversity among the incoming class of Democratic Lt. Governors. Democrats flipped 9 GOP-held lieutenant governorships, defended 5 open seats, and re-elected 3 incumbents. With these wins, Democratic Lieutenant Governors now lead - and look like - the majority of the American population.

*“As Democrats, there is nothing more important we can do than to begin rebuilding at the state level,”* said Delaware Lt. Governor **Bethany Hall-Long**. *“That’s why we must continue to recruit and elect Democratic lieutenant governors that reflect the diversity of our country. I’m more proud than ever of our incoming lieutenant governors.”*

*“The midterms may be over, but we have much more work to do for our divided country. I look forward to working with my colleagues both old and new to continue fighting for the working families in our state,”* said Montana Lt. Governor **Mike Cooney**.

*“Not only do lieutenant governors play an important role in passing and implementing legislation around the country, but they also have the highest likelihood of becoming their state's next governor,”* said Washington Lt. Governor **Cyrus Habib**. *“So if we care about shared prosperity and access to opportunity for all, it's vital that we continue electing effective, resourceful, and progressive lieutenant governors from coast to coast.”*

*“Chairman Fairfax and our Executive Committee’s leadership this year has helped the DLGA support strong candidates and provide services that did not exist in the past,”* said Executive Director **Roshan Patel**. *“DLGA looks forward to building on our success in 2019 and beyond.”*

***Attending the winter meeting included:***

Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax (VA) – Chair  
Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long (DE) – Executive Committee Member  
Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (MT) – Executive Committee Member  
Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib (WA) – Executive Committee Member

**Members:**

Secretary of State-Elect Katie Hobbs (AZ)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Dianne Primavera (CO)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Lynn Rogers (KS)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Garlin Gilchrist II (MI)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Kate Marshall (NV)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Howie Morales (NM)  
Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul (NY)  
Lt. Governor-Elect John Fetterman (PA)  
Lt. Governor Dan McKee (RI)  
Lt. Governor David Zuckerman (VT)  
Lt. Governor-Elect Mandela Barnes (WI)

The DLGA is proud to support 23 Democratic lieutenant governors in 21 states and 2 U.S. territories. This includes Arizona’s Secretary of State, who is the second in command of the state.

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