



Brad Owen
Lieutenant Governor



Biography

Lt. Governor Brad Owen

Born in Tacoma, Washington on May 23, 1950, Lieutenant Governor Owen graduated from Frankfurt American High School in 1968. Upon returning to the U.S. after graduation, he moved back to his birth state of Washington and then later settled in Shelton. During the next 22 years, Owen was a small business owner and became a prominent member of his community.

Brad Owen was elected as Washington State's 15th lieutenant governor in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. Lieutenant Governor Owen serves the state as president of the Senate, and is the acting governor in the absence of the governor. Prior to his election as lieutenant governor, Owen served as Shelton finance commissioner from 1976-1979, as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives from 1976-1983, and in the Washington State Senate from 1983-1996.

Lieutenant Governor Owen has dedicated his term of service to providing leadership in the field of public health and safety, with an emphasis on substance abuse and prevention. He is the chair of Mentoring Works Washington, as well as the chair of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations. He serves on the advisory board for the Drug Free America Foundation. He has conducted many foreign trade and goodwill missions and promotes stronger ties among Washington State's economic and international communities.

As a result of his work on projects in Washington in association with Spain, Lt. Governor Owen was awarded the decoration *Order of Isabella the Catholic*, a medal of knighthood, from the King of Spain in 2007 (received in formal ceremony in 2008). Additionally, as founder and president of a non-profit organization called Strategies for Youth (SFY) for 22 years, he developed and delivered positive messages about substance abuse and bullying awareness to youth, as well as to the community at large. He received Washington State Mentor's (Now Mentoring Works Washington) highest award, *Champion of Mentoring*, in 2007. In 2014 he was the recipient of the Excellence in Mentoring Award for Public Sector Leadership from the National Mentoring Partnership. In 2002, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters (Humanities) from Walla Walla College for his years of public service and work with kids and communities. He received an honorary Bachelor of Applied Science degree from Columbia Basin College in 2014.

Lieutenant Governor Owen is an avid outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman. Mr. Owen and his wife, Linda, live in Shelton. They have six children: Shanie, Dana, Sherri, Mark, Adam and Royce, 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

