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Lieutenant Governor

Introducing

Lt. Governor Brad Owen

Born and raised in Tacoma, Brad Owen was elected Washington's 15th lieutenant governor in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012. His more than 40 years in public office includes service as a finance commissioner for the City of Shelton, as a member of the state House of Representatives and of the state Senate.

Over this time Lt. Governor Owen has focused on providing leadership in public health and safety, with an emphasis on substance abuse and prevention. In addition to his day-to-day duties as lieutenant governor, Mr. Owen is the chair of Mentoring Works Washington and chair of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations. He was founder and 22-year president of Strategies for Youth, a non-profit organization that partnered with his office to develop and deliver positive messages in schools and to the community at large.

He has conducted many foreign trade and goodwill missions to countries in Asia, Europe and South America. Among his numerous honors is the bestowment of a Spanish order of knighthood by the King of Spain in 2007, which he received in formal ceremony in 2008. He has honorary degrees from Walla Walla University and Columbia Basin College.

Lt. Governor Owen is the former owner of a small business. He is an avid outdoorsman. He and his wife, Linda, live in Shelton. They have six children, 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.