



## Life In Brief

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**Current Title:** Governor

**Political Party:** Republican Party

**Born:** May 25, 1956

**Birthplace:** Landover, MD

**Religion:** Catholic

**Ethnicity:** White/Caucasian

**Marital Status:** Married

**Education Summary:**

- Florida State University, BA, 1978

**Family:**

3 children ; 2 grandchildren

**Work History:**

- Staff Assistant, Office of the County Executive, Prince George's County (MD)
- Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Hogan Companies, 1985-2003
- Secretary of Appointments, Office of MD Governor Bob Ehrlich, 2003-2007
- Ex Officio Trustee, Board of Trustees, The Baltimore Museum of Art
- Economic Development and Commerce Committee Chair, National Governors Association, 2015-2016
- Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee, Republican Governors Association
- Vice Chair, National Governors Association, 2018-2019
- Chair, National Governors Association, 2019-2020

- Governor of Maryland, 2015-present

## Quick Summary

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**Highly popular Republican governor in a blue state who juxtaposes pro-business, anti-tax message with across-the-aisle work on climate and infrastructure**

- Son of a U.S. Congressman and native Marylander with early interest in politics
- Founded a real estate business; frustration with state tax environment spurred him to create Change Maryland, an anti-tax advocacy non-profit, which fueled his gubernatorial campaign
- Focused time in office on providing financial relief to the state taxpayers, including through tax breaks, lowering toll prices, and removing regulations that hinder business
- Champions Chesapeake Bay restoration and has joined national coalitions to address climate change
- Pursues public-private partnerships to fund state infrastructure such as the Purple Line expansion
- Well respected in his state and amongst fellow governors; second Republican governor in the state's history to be re-elected and was unanimously elected by his peers to chair the National Governors Association

## Approach and Motivations

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**Results-oriented Republican whose moderate stances help him achieve bipartisan goals**

- Says he seeks the best solutions, regardless of the side of the political aisle they come from
- Considers his father his biggest political inspiration, citing Hogan Sr.'s dedication to bipartisanship; Hogan Sr. was the first Republican to vote for President Nixon's



impeachment, and the only Republican to vote for all three articles of impeachment

- In his capacity as chair of the National Governors Association, he has worked with Democratic state leaders on national infrastructure policies; active member in bipartisan U.S. Climate Alliance
- Has given mixed messages on President Trump, balancing strong criticism with praise on economic matters; supported the House impeachment inquiry

- Introduced Traffic Relief Plan to widen the Capital Beltway, I-270, and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway through America's largest transportation public-private partnership
- As chair of the National Governors Association, launched Foundation for Success initiative to rebuild and repair infrastructure in ways that will grow the economy

## Policy Position and Areas of Focus

**Prioritizes growing economy, infrastructure, and protecting the environment**

**Economic Growth: *Fostering a strong economy through tax breaks and deregulation***

- Prioritizes tax relief, including through breaks for families, small businesses, and retirees; signed bill to repeal stormwater remediation taxes
- Announced cost reductions at all major toll facilities to save taxpayer money
- Focused on deregulating rules for businesses; created Regulatory Reform Commission, eliminating or reforming 850 regulations, including continuing education requirements for professional licensing

**Infrastructure: *Extends and modernizes transportation infrastructure through public-private partnerships***

- Under his leadership, MDOT broke ground on the Purple Line light rail public-private partnership to extend metro lines from Bethesda to New Carrollton

**Climate: *Active in regional and national climate frameworks; mixed record on fracking***

- Chairs the six-state Chesapeake Executive Council, which leads the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay; established the Governor's Task Force on Renewable Energy Development and Siting to grow state solar and wind projects
- Opposed the U.S. exit from the Paris Agreement; joined bipartisan coalition of states in the U.S. Climate Alliance to uphold the commitments of the Paris Agreement
- Signed law banning fracking in the state but supported pipelines in Maryland that transport out-of-state natural gas obtained by fracking

## Core Communities

**Bipartisan network of governors and state bureaucrats; active in business community**

**Governors: *Collaborates with bipartisan gubernatorial allies, especially on infrastructure and climate***

- Worked as Secretary of Appointments in the administration of Governor Bob Ehrlich (R) before entering politics
- Chair the National Governors Association alongside Vice Chair Andrew Cuomo (D), where he has focused on issues of infrastructure
- Member of bipartisan coalitions of governors that address climate change, including the U.S.



Climate Alliance, American Flood Coalition, and Chesapeake Executive Council

**Pro-Business Community: *Longstanding ties to state business arena; involves business community in policy process***

- Founded a successful real estate company now run by brother Timothy Hogan
- Founder of Change Maryland, a nonprofit anti-tax advocacy organization, which he used to promote his own 2014 gubernatorial campaign; co-founder Thomas Kelso is President of Matrix Capital Markets Group
- Named Maryland business executives including business law attorney Abba David Poliakoff and Soltesz CEO Jim Soltesz to his Regulatory Reform Commission

**Maryland Bureaucrats: *Personal bipartisan relationships in state government***

- Familial ties to state government including father Lawrence Hogan Sr., who served as a U.S. Congressman and as Prince George's County Executive; brother Patrick N. Hogan was a representative in the Maryland House
- Tapped friend and former Maryland Secretary of General Services Boyd Rutherford as his gubernatorial running mate
- Fostered close ties with powerful state Democrats, including former Governor and mentor and friend Marvin Mandel and former President of the Maryland Senate Mike Miller

**Political History**

- Special Elections Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, 1981
- Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, 1992
- Founder, Chair, Change Maryland, 2011

**Relevant Financial Information**

**Top donors in previous election cycle include Maryland-based companies, business executives, and unions**

**Biggest Industry Donors (2018)**

- Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate: \$1.8 million
- Construction: \$1.4 million
- General Business: \$1.3 million
- Party: \$1.2 million
- Health: \$700,000

**Biggest Group Donors (2018)**

- Maryland Building Industry Association (Fulton, PA), \$40,000
- Associated Builders & Contractors, Baltimore Metro Washington Chapter (Beltsville, MD), \$23,000
- Maryland Asphalt Association (Glen Burnie, MD), \$22,000
- BSC America (Belcamp, MD), \$21,000
- CUA Opco LLC (Owings Mills, Maryland), \$20,000
- NRG Energy (Houston, TX), \$18,000

**Biggest Individual Donors (2018)**

- Dorothy S. Bishop, Self-employed CPA (Baltimore, MD), \$18,000
- Alan L Meltzer, Founder of the Meltzer Group (Boca Raton, FL), \$17,000
- Anne W. Kinsley, President of the Kinsley Family Foundation (Seven Valleys, PA), \$16,000
- Michael Epstein, Gastroenterologist (Annapolis, MD), \$14,000
- George S. Rich, Managing Partner at the GRI Fund (Baltimore, MD), \$13,000





- Joel S. Meisel, Managing Partner at Meisel Holdings (Washington, DC), \$12,000

**Political Donations**

- O'Donnell (R-NY) for Congress, 2012, \$2,500
- Nancy Jacobs (R-MD) for Congress, 2012, \$1,000
- Republican National Committee, 2012, \$1,000

**Publications, Media and Speaking**

**Discusses bipartisanship and climate on the national stage; engages with state business groups**

**Publications: *Authors op-eds in national newspapers to criticize hyper-partisanship and promote environmental protection***

- Favorite Subjects: Gerrymandering, partisan compromise, and clean air
- Preferred Outlets: National newspapers including USA Today, the Washington Post, and CNBC

**Media: *Cultivates national platform for views on bipartisan policymaking, climate, and infrastructure***

- Favorite Subjects: Bipartisanship, criticism of President Trump, climate policy, and infrastructure projects
- Preferred Outlets: National outlets including NBC News, MSNBC, FOX News; late night shows including Late Night with Seth Meyers
- Social Media Habits: Active on Twitter

**Speaking: *Frequents local business conferences to speak on state economic development and trade***

- Favorite Subjects: Workforce development, state of business, U.S.-Korea and U.S.-Canada trade
- Preferred Audience: Business groups including Maryland Municipal, the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and the Korea-U.S. Investment Forum

**Professional Affiliations**

- Delegate, Republican National Convention
- Member, Reagan Bush Inaugural Committee
- Chair, National Governors Association
- Chair, Citizens for America
- Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council
- Co-Chair, Bipartisan Citizen Referendum to Reform County Government
- Founder, Change Maryland, 2011-present

**Family and Personal Background**

**Family background in politics; married to a first-generation Korean American and is a cancer survivor**

**Roots in Florida and the DC metro area; early exposure to politics**

- Born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Landover, Maryland
- Moved to Florida with his mother after his parents divorced
- While in college, worked in the Florida State Legislature and then on Capitol Hill
- Helped his father run a successful campaign for Prince George's County Executive and later worked for his father as a legislative liaison

**Wife Yuki is a first-generation Korean American**



- Yuki Hogan works as an artist and teacher at the Maryland Institute College of Art
- She is the first Asian first lady in Maryland history and the first Korean-American first lady in U.S. history
- They have three daughters, four grandchildren, and two shih tzu dogs

### **Cancer survivor**

- Diagnosed in 2015 with stage three non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Completed 18 weeks of chemotherapy and announced the cancer was in remission
- Underwent his final chemotherapy treatment in 2016 and was deemed to be cancer-free

## **Criticisms and Controversies**

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**No notable controversies**

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