

CYRUS HABIB

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and moved with his family to Washington state at the age of eight. He grew up in east King County and graduated from the Bellevue International School before attending Columbia University, Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and Yale Law School where he served as editor of the Yale Law Journal. He is also a Truman Scholar and a Soros Fellow.

After receiving his law degree, Lieutenant Governor Habib returned to Washington state to practice law at Perkins Coie, the region's largest law firm, where he helped startup technology companies raise venture capital funds and license their software.

He went on to represent east King County in the Washington State House of Representatives and the State Senate, where he served as Democratic Whip and a member of the Democratic leadership team. In 2016 he was elected Washington's 16th Lieutenant Governor, becoming the youngest presiding officer in the country.

In his role as Lieutenant Governor, Habib presides over the State Senate, serves as acting-Governor when the Governor is out of the state, and maintains a portfolio of issues including Economic Development, Trade, and Higher Education.

A three-time cancer survivor, Lieutenant Governor Habib has been fully blind since age eight. His parents immigrated to the U.S. from Iran before he was born, and he is both the first and only Iranian-American official to hold statewide elected office in the United States.

Lieutenant Governor Habib serves on the boards of a number of civic and nonprofit organizations, including the historic 5th Avenue Theatre. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Since 2013, Lieutenant Governor Habib has served as a Professor and Distinguished Lawmaker in Residence at Seattle University Law School and teaches courses on legislative procedure and intellectual property.

