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In Record Year for Female Candidates, At Least 73 Women Seek Lieutenant Governor Positions in the States and Territories

The 2018 elections are bringing out a record number of female candidates to seek seats in Congress and in races for governor and second-in-command

NLGA, Florence, KY (August 23, 2018) – In a record year for female candidates, at least 73 women are seeking the office of lieutenant governor or gubernatorial successor in states and territories across the country, according to data compiled by the National Lieutenant Governors Association.

According to data published by Politico, a record number of women are running for seats in the House, Senate and governorships: <https://www.politico.com/interactives/2018/women-rule-candidate-tracker/>.

“At least 135 women are running for governor or second-in-command in the states and territories in primary elections,” said Julia Hurst, NLGA Executive Director. “NLGA Members are the elected officials who most often become governor, either through succession or elections, and this year alone nine lieutenant governors are running for governor in the states and territories.”

“In about half of the states, lieutenant governors and governors run on the same ticket in the general election, and in 17 states, the candidates run separately,” said Kellie Wise, NLGA Associate Director. “No matter the method of election, female candidates for lieutenant governor have stepped up to run in almost every state and territory in the country.”

in three states the gubernatorial successor is not a lieutenant governor, but the Secretary of State or Senate President. Four of the U.S. territories run team elections, while Puerto Rico’s successor is the appointed Secretary of State. (You can view NLGA’s research on how each gubernatorial successor is elected, by state or territory, here: <http://www.nlga.us/lt-governors/office-of-lieutenant-governor/methods-of-election/>.)

The number of total female candidates for lieutenant governor in 2018 will increase as states continue to hold their primary elections. Several states do not announce gubernatorial running mates until after the primary election.

Of the 73 female candidates for lieutenant governor (as of August 23, 2018), 13 women have won primary elections on a separate ticket from the gubernatorial nominee. Ten women have won primary elections on a successful joint ticket with the gubernatorial nominee, and eight are awaiting primaries. In three states (Colorado, Michigan and South Dakota), there are three female candidates for the general election that were chosen by the gubernatorial nominees after the primaries. 39 women have been defeated in the primary elections and will not be on the November ballot.



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As of August 23, 2018, there are 13 total female sitting lieutenant governors and gubernatorial successors in the country.

This research is on the NLGA website and will be updated periodically as additional candidates file to run and the primaries wrap up: <http://www.nlga.us/women-running-for-lieutenant-governor-2018/>.

Special notes:

NLGA serves the seconds-in-command of all fifty states and the five U.S. territories, and thus has tracked the data for the 2018 primary elections in all of the states as well as American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In Oregon, the gubernatorial successor is the Secretary of State, and is not elected in the same year as the governor. The next Secretary of State race is in 2020.

In Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee and West Virginia, the gubernatorial successors are the states' Senate Presidents.

*The NLGA is the only association serving all lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command.
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