

# About Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley



Lt. Governor Brian Calley is a forward-looking leader intent on building the best Michigan for everybody.

First elected as lieutenant governor in 2010, Calley has worked in partnership with Gov. Rick Snyder to play an integral role in Michigan's comeback, combining skills acquired from an accomplished private sector career in the financial services industry with a heart for public service. A pragmatic and inclusive solutionist with a long-range vision, Calley approaches every issue with a focus on addressing the needs of current and future generations through positive advancements in public policy.

Continually referenced for redefining the role of lieutenant governor in Michigan, Calley's hands-on approach helped guide two historic tax reforms through the Legislature that have expanded economic opportunity and served as a catalyst for private-sector job growth.

Calley is a tireless advocate for inclusion in Michigan, working to ensure some of our most vulnerable citizens can live independent and self-determined lives. Calley chaired the Michigan Mental Health and Wellness Commission, Prescription Drug and Opioid Task Force, Special Education Reform Task Force, and leads the Mental Health Diversion Council. He is committed to developing and implementing strategies to improve outcomes for all students in Michigan, as well as people with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities and addiction issues. Calley also chaired the Child Lead Poisoning Elimination Board, creating a roadmap for addressing and preventing lead exposure in Michigan.

As lieutenant governor, he led the charge to increase access to autism services and to promote and expand inclusion in schools and communities for people with developmental differences. To ensure all Michiganders have the opportunity to succeed, Calley is raising awareness of the value of hiring Michiganders with disabilities. Through the MI Hidden Talent initiative, he is highlighting the extraordinary but often overlooked potential that exists within our workforce and equipping employers with the know-how and resources to successfully tap into the talent of all Michigan citizens.

Prior to serving as lieutenant governor, Calley served two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, two terms as an Ionia County commissioner and worked for over a decade in community banking. Calley holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, an MBA from Grand Valley State University and an MPA from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Calley has been honored as one of Crain's Detroit Business' 40 under 40 and has received recognition for his leadership by organizations across the state, including the Small Business Association of Michigan, Special Olympics of Michigan, the Michigan Manufacturers Association and the Mental Health Association. He also has received national recognition from Autism Speaks and the US Junior Chamber, which named him one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans. He and his wife Julie live in Portland with their three children: Collin, Reagan and Karagan.