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Carlos Lopez-Cantera

Carlos Lopez-Cantera was the 19th lieutenant governor of Florida. A Republican, he was appointed by Governor Rick Scott (R) on January 14, 2014, to fill the seat left vacant by former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll, who resigned in March 2013. Lopez-Cantera was sworn into office on February 3, 2014.[1]

Lopez-Cantera was elected to his first full term as lieutenant governor on November 4, 2014, running on the GOP ticket with incumbent Gov. Scott.

Before Scott appointed him as lieutenant governor in 2014, Lopez-Cantera was serving in the county-wide elected role of Miami-Dade property appraiser.[2]

Lopez-Cantera announced he would run for U.S. Senate on July 15, 2015, but he dropped out of the race on June 22, 2016, after incumbent Marco Rubio (R) announced he would run for re-election.[3][4]

Lopez-Cantera was a Republican member of the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 113th District from 2004 to 2012. He served as House majority leader from 2010 to 2012.

Carlos Lopez-Cantera

Republican Party

Prior offices

Lieutenant Governor of Florida
Florida House of Representatives District 113

Education

Associate	Miami-Dade Community College, 1994
Bachelor's	University of Miami, 1996

Personal

Profession	Real estate

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Biography

Lopez-Cantera graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in 1996. He obtained an associate degree from Miami-Dade Community College.

Before entering politics, Lopez-Cantera worked as an industrial commercial real estate consultant and industrial real estate agent at Pan American Consulting Incorporated.[5]

Education

- Associate's degree - Miami-Dade Community College (1994)
- Bachelor's degree - University of Miami (1996)[6]

Political career

Lieutenant Governor of Florida (2014-2019)

In January 2014, Governor Rick Scott (R) appointed Lopez-Cantera as lieutenant governor to fill the vacancy created by former Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll's (R) resignation in March 2013.[7] Lopez-Cantera was the first Hispanic lieutenant governor in Florida's history.[8]

Florida House of Representatives (2004-2012)

Lopez-Cantera was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives, representing the 113th District, in 2004. He was re-elected in 2006, 2008 and 2010, and opted not to seek re-election in 2012. His tenure as a state lawmaker included serving as House majority leader, from 2010 to 2012.

Sponsored legislation

Lopez-Cantera's sponsored legislation included:

- HB 283 : "Discretionary Surtax on Documents: Extends future repeal date of provisions authorizing counties to levy discretionary surtax on documents; limits percentage of surtax revenues used for administrative costs; specifies minimum amount of surtax revenues used for housing for low-income & moderate-income families".
- HB 705 : "Traffic Control Devices for synchronization of traffic lights by DOT & local traffic control authorities; provides for benchmarks & monitoring."
- HB 1529 : "Medicaid: Requires contract between AHCA & certain HMOs or entities that do not provide prepaid health care services to set rates on beneficiary-specific, risk-adjusted basis".

For details and a full listing of sponsored bills, see the House site.

Committee assignments

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Lopez-Cantera served on the following committee:

- Appropriations

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Lopez-Cantera served on these committees:

- Rules & Calendar Council
- Select Committee on Seminole Indian Compact Review

Elections and appointments

2014

See also: *Florida Gubernatorial and Lieutenant Gubernatorial election, 2014*

Election

Lopez-Cantera ran on the Republican ticket for a full term as lieutenant governor in the 2014 elections. He ran on a ticket with incumbent Gov. Rick Scott (R). Scott and Lopez-Cantera defeated the Democratic ticket of Charlie Crist and Annette Taddeo-Goldstein and several other challengers in the general election on November 4, 2014.

Results

Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Florida, 2014			[hide]
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Republican	✔Rick Scott/Carlos Lopez-Cantera incumbent	48.1%	2,865,343
Democratic	Charlie Crist/Annette Taddeo-Goldstein	47.1%	2,801198
Libertarian	Adrian Wyllie/Greg Roe	3.8%	223,356
No Party Affiliation	Glenn Burkett/Jose Augusto Matos	0.7%	41,341
No Party Affiliation	Farid Khavari/Lateresa Jones	0.3%	20,186
Nonpartisan	Write-in votes	0%	137
Total Votes			**5,951,561**

Election results via *Florida Division of Elections*

Appointment

Gov. Rick Scott appointed Lopez-Cantera Lieutenant Governor of Florida to replace Jennifer Carroll (R), who resigned in March 2013. Scott announced Lopez-Cantera as Carroll's successor to the lieutenant governorship in January 2014. His appointment began on February 3 and ran through January 2015, when Carroll's term was scheduled to expire.[9]

2012

See also: *Florida House of Representatives elections, 2012*

Lopez-Cantera did not run for re-election in 2012.[10]

2010

See also: *Florida House of Representatives elections, 2010*

Lopez-Cantera ran for re-election to the 113th District seat in 2010. He did not have any opposition in the August 24 primary. He defeated Alex Cruzet (D) and Waldo Faura (NPA) in the general election on November 2, 2010.[11]

Florida House of Representatives, District 113 2010 General election results		
Candidates	**Votes**	**Percent**
✔ **Carlos Lopez-Cantera** (R)	**14,284**	**62.9%**
Alex Cruzet (D)	7,905	34.8%
Waldo Faura (NPA)	517	2.3%

2008

On November 4, 2008, Lopez-Cantera won re-election to the Florida House of Representatives from Florida's 113th District, defeating Javier Betancourt (D). Lopez-Cantera received 20,726 votes in the election while Betancourt received 14,868 votes.[12] Lopez-Cantera raised $365,787 for his campaign; Betancourt raised $14,776.[13]

Florida House of Representatives, District 113		
Candidates	**Votes**	**Percent**
✔ **Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R)**	**20,726**	**58.2%**
Javier Betancourt (D)	14,868	41.8%

Presidential preference

2012

See also: *Endorsements by state officials of presidential candidates in the 2012 election*

Carlos Lopez-Cantera endorsed Rick Perry in the 2012 presidential election.[14]

Campaign donors

2016

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Year-End	$320,957	$270,043	$430,734
October Quarterly (2015)	$482,484	$82,581	$379,822

Source: *This graphic was generated using data from the FEC*

2010

In 2010, Lopez-Cantera raised $319,741 in contributions.[15]

His three largest contributors were:

Donor	Amount
Florida Republican Party	$44,666
Florida Chamber Of Commerce	$3,500
Florida Association Of Realtors	$3,000

2008

Below are Lopez-Cantera's top five campaign contributors in the 2008 election:[16]

Contributor	2008 total
FL Republican Party	$27,600
FL Assoc of Realtors	$3,500
Hospital Corporation of America	$3,500
Dade County Classroom Teachers Assoc	$3,000
FL Home Builders Assoc	$2,000

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
When he served as lieutenant governor, Lopez-Cantera and his wife, Renee, had a daughter named Sabrina.[17]

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Preceded by •	**Florida House of Representatives District 113** 2004 - 2012	Succeeded by **David Richardson (D)**

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