



## Meet Gina M. Raimondo



On November 2nd, 2014, Governor Raimondo was elected the 75<sup>th</sup>, and first female, governor of Rhode Island. Gina grew up in Smithfield in a tight-knit Italian-American family, the youngest of Joseph and Josephine Raimondo's three children. Gina's family history and her childhood experiences shaped her core beliefs in hard work, opportunity for all and the importance of financial security.

After graduating at the top of her class from LaSalle Academy in Providence, Gina went on to graduate with honors from Harvard, where she was recognized as the top economics student in her class. She won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, where she earned a doctorate and met her husband Andy Moffit, and later graduated from Yale Law School. Gina clerked for US District Judge Kimba Wood, and served as founding employee and senior vice president at Village Ventures, a venture capital firm based in Williamstown, Massachusetts, that invested in high-growth start-up companies in at least 10 emerging cities across the country.

Yearning to be back in Rhode Island and closer to family, Gina co-founded Point Judith Capital and was involved in dozens of successful start-up companies, including Providence-based NABsys, a health science research company, and Narragansett Beer.

Gina has been deeply involved in a number of local non-profits. She is vice chair of the board of directors of Crossroads Rhode Island, where she played a key role in launching a new homeless shelter for women. She also was a trustee at Women and Infants Hospital and chair of its Quality Committee, and board member of Family Service of Rhode Island and LaSalle Academy.

After reading a news article in late 2009 about further cuts to public libraries due to state budget difficulties, Gina decided to run for public office for the first time. In November 2010, she was elected to serve as General Treasurer of Rhode Island, receiving the largest number of votes of any statewide candidate. She tackled the state's \$7 billion unfunded pension liability and shepherded passage of the Rhode Island Retirement Security Act of 2011, which passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support in both chambers of the General Assembly and has been hailed as national model.

Gina's agenda is designed to kick-start the state's economy and create jobs. She knows that Rhode Island needs a government that invests in areas that lead to opportunity for all Rhode Islanders, and rebuild the middle class.