



**Kathleen Matthews**  
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Kathleen is a former local news anchor, executive officer, and chairwoman of Maryland's Democratic Party. Born in the San Francisco Bay area, Matthews graduated from Stanford University in 1975 before moving to the DC area where she joined WJLA-TV as a production assistant. She worked her way up to the level of producer, and soon she was on camera, first as a reporter, and later as an anchor for the 5, 6, and 11 p.m. broadcasts. She also hosted the shows *Working Women* and *Capital*

*Sunday* towards the end of her news career.

After working at WJLA for 25 years, Kathleen retired to pursue public relations. She took a job as the Chief Communications and Public Affairs Officer for Marriott International in 2006, where she worked until 2015.

Kathleen then decided to run for office, and she entered the race to be Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative to Congress. Though she did not win, this gave her the opportunity to join Maryland's Democratic Party, where she would become chair in 2017, first as interim before being elected to the position formally. She held this position until December of 2018.

After a long career in different fields, Kathleen has accumulated several accolades, including 9 local Emmys, and an Edward R. Murrow award, an Associated Press award, a George Foster Peabody, a Scrips-Howard, an Ohio State and Gracie Allen awards. She has also sat on several organization boards, including the Catholic Charities of Washington, DC and Maryland, the Black Student Fund, Suited for Change, and former President Barack Obama's Travel and Tourism Advisory Board as Vice Chair.

Kathleen grew up in California and was a Girl Scout and a Camp counselor through her teen years. She is the First Vice President of Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Board of Directors and co-chair of the Major Gifts Committee. She served as Alternate National Delegate for the 2020 National Council Session of GSUSA and has been a participant at Camp CEO. She is also a recipient of the Officers' Award.