

Kamala Harris



■ **Jan 2019:** Launches candidacy for president, earning plaudits for strong debate performances, including memorable attack on **Joe Biden's** record on race in first Democratic debate in June

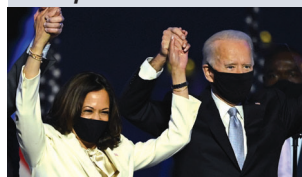


■ **Dec:** Suspends campaign after failing to stand out in crowded field of candidates

■ **May 2020:** Becomes prominent advocate of racial-justice reform after killing of **George Floyd**

■ **Aug:** Biden selects Harris as running mate

■ **Nov 3:** Biden-Harris ticket defeats **Donald Trump's** re-election bid



■ **Jan 20, 2021:** Harris is first woman, and first person of black and Indian heritage, to be sworn in as U.S. Vice President

■ **Jul 21, 2024:** Biden ends re-election bid and endorses Harris to succeed him as Democratic candidate



■ **1989:** Earns law degree at **University of California** and begins career as deputy district attorney in Alameda County

■ **2003:** First woman elected as district attorney – top prosecutor – for San Francisco

■ **2010:** First woman and first black person elected as attorney general of California

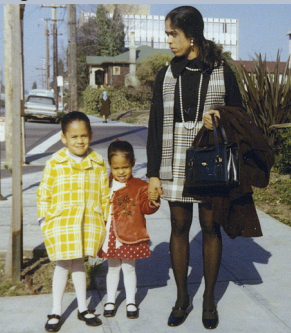
■ **2012:** Memorable address at **Democratic National Convention** raises national profile

■ **2014:** Marries lawyer **Doug Emhoff** – Harris's two stepchildren call her **Momala**

■ **2016:** Elected as junior U.S. senator from California
Sharp questioning of Trump administration appointees during Senate hearings builds Harris's popularity with liberal activists

■ **Oct 20, 1964:** Born in Oakland, California, to two immigrant academics – Indian-born mother and Jamaican-born father

■ **1971:** After parents divorce Harris and younger sister Maya raised primarily by mother **Shyamala Gopalan**, cancer researcher and civil rights activist



■ **1976:** Family moves to Montreal, Canada, for five years after Gopalan takes teaching post at **McGill University**

■ **1982:** Harris studies political science and economics at **Howard University** – historically black university in Washington DC

