

ROBERT J. LOPEZ

Bob Lopez moved to Washington State in 1968 and graduated from Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Washington in 1970. In 1974, Bob obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Puget Sound. In 1974, Bob joined the Washington State Patrol where he served the citizens of this state for 27 years until his retirement in June 2001 as the Assistant Chief of the Patrol.

Bob is a recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Management Award and holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from City University. Bob is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Bob joined the Washington Horse Racing Commission (WHRC) in August of 2002, serving first as the Administrative Services Manager and later promoted to the Deputy Secretary position. Bob served as the interim Executive Secretary at the retirement of the incumbent on January 1, 2009 and made Executive Secretary on October 7, 2009. Bob retired from the WHRC Executive Secretary position on March 1, 2013. Bob applied and was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee on November 16, 2015 to a four year term with the WHRC as a Commissioner.