

## **Marico Sayoc Biography**

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I'm honored by the trust placed in me by the people of Los Gatos in 2014 and again in 2018. As your Council Member, my highest priority is to promote inclusive policies while continuing to ensure that everyone in Los Gatos has an advocate who is committed to serving them.

Growing up in a Navy family, I traveled extensively before settling in Los Gatos. For me and my family, Los Gatos was home immediately upon arrival and I want to ensure the sense of community we felt then thrives for everyone now and in the future. I wish to incorporate my many years of public service at a national level into the work I am doing locally.

I graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a BS in environmental sciences, and then received a fellowship to Duke University, where I earned my master's degree in environmental management with an emphasis on water and air resources. As part of my graduate studies, I spent a year as a Fellow at the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment in Washington, D. C. I began my career in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International Affairs, after which I went into program management for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Currently, I enjoy representing Los Gatos in regional and state policy issues and serves as the Vice President of the League of California Cities, Peninsula Division and 2nd Vice President of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.