

## **Marico Sayoc Biography**

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I'm honored by the trust placed in me by the people of Los Gatos. As your Mayor, 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.

Prior to my election, I participated in the Leadership Los Gatos program and a number of other town and community programs and committees, as well as volunteering for school projects. I spent eight years on the planning commission before deciding to run for my council seat in 2014.