

Rob Rennie Biography

A resident of Los Gatos since 1997, Rob Rennie was elected to the Los Gatos Town Council in November, 2014.

A Bay Area native, Rob spent his formative years in Washington, DC where his stepfather served as a General Counsel of the President's Council on Environmental Quality. Rob's mother worked in the Energy Department, as an environmental mediator and also dedicated her professional career to advocating environmental causes.

Rob holds the following degrees and credentials:

- Masters of Engineering, Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 1991
- Bachelor of Engineering, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., 1989
- Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and Physics (double major), Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 1987; College and Department honors in both majors
- Certificate in Engineering Management, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA., 1998

Rob returned to the Bay Area in 1992 and spent the next 20 plus years working in the semiconductor industry. He now works to develop products that improve solar energy technology.

Rob is a long-term member of the Sierra Club. During his tenure he served in the following capacities:

- Political Committee Member - Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club from 2006 to 2012 and a Committee Co-Chair from 2007 to 2011
- Executive Board Member from 2007 to 2013 and a Vice Chair from 2009 to 2011
- Organized and led the Sierra Club Cool City team in Los Gatos to raise awareness of Climate Change and get our Town to sign the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in 2007

Additionally, Rob volunteered as an Acterra Home Energy Auditor conducting home assessments and suggesting the energy saving solutions to the residents of Santa Clara County. He also continues to serve as a Creek clean up volunteer.

Over the years, Rob has been active in a number of community organizations. His community service includes Los Gatos Morning Rotary, where he co-chairs the Plein Air Fine Art Exhibit Event Committee and is now President Elect for 2015/2016. Every year Rob also enjoys serving as a discussion group co-leader at Rotary's Enterprise Leadership Conferences designed to teach high school juniors to develop leadership skills and build a business.

Rob served on the board of the Los Gatos Community Foundation. As a Member of the Los Gatos Beautification Committee, he volunteers for Saturday Town clean-ups.

Rob also served 4 years as a Member of the Parks Commission including one year as a Commission's Chair and still serves as a Community Emergency Response Team Member (CERT) and Captain for the Almond Grove Neighborhood.

Rob and his wife Isabella have a grown daughter, Alena, who is a DJ and music producer in Chicago. Isabella dedicated her professional life to helping refugees, seniors, and the disabled.

In his spare time Rob enjoys playing soccer, bicycling, and walking the family dog, Fiona.

Rob is honored to be elected to the Town Council and pledges to preserve Los Gatos' small-town charm, promote sustainable practices, and raise the quality of life for all citizens. As a Council Member, Rob will listen to all sides and work to achieve balance and fairness.