



MARGARET ABE-KOGA, MAYOR MOUNTAIN VIEW – SUMMARY BIOGRAPHY

Personal Background

- Margaret was born at Stanford Hospital and raised in San Mateo by immigrant parents from Japan. She moved to Mountain View in 1998 with her husband Yotto Koga when they were able to purchase their first home. They took care of Margaret's parents during their latter decades, and are raising two daughters who have attended public schools in Mountain View.

Government Background

- Serving her second term as Mayor, Second term as Vice-Mayor in 2019, and her third term on the Mountain View City Council 2016-2020.
- Previously served two terms on the Council from 2007-2015, as Vice-Mayor in 2008, and as Mayor in 2009; making her the first Asian Pacific American female to serve in those capacities in Mountain View's history.
- Prior to her election to the City Council, Margaret served on the City's Human Relations Commission (HRC) from 2000-2004, and the Environmental Planning Commission from 2004-2006.
- Santa Clara County Board of Education - Trustee for Area 1 2002-2004 and served as Board Vice-President in 2004.
- District Director for California State Assemblymember Evan Low of the 28th District 2015.
- Congressional Aide to U.S. Congresswoman Anna Eshoo 1993-1999.

Professional Background

- Served in numerous capacities in the private and non-profit sectors, including as Government Affairs Manager for Synopsys Corporation; as Foundation and Corporate Relations Manager for Asian Americans for Community Involvement, as Associate Director of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) at De Anza College; and owned and operated a small business.

Education

- Attended local public schools K-12.
- Harvard University, Bachelor's Degree in Government.
- Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum Class XXII, an Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI)
- Graduate of the Working Partnerships Leadership Institute
- Graduate of Leadership Mountain View

City Council Standing Committee Assignments

- Procedures and Policy Committee
- Appointments Review Committee Chair
- Sustainability Committee

- Neighborhoods Committee
- Youth Services Committee

Regional External Assignments

Currently Serves:

- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority, and served as Chair in 2019
- Santa Clara County Cities Association Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer, Cities Selection Committee, and past Chair of the Legislative Action Committee
- Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly

Previously Served:

- Chair, Vice-Chair and Board member of the Valley Transportation Authority Board
- VTA's Policy Advisory Committee and the Levi's Stadium Transit Program Task Force
- President and Vice President of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County
- The Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Agency (SVRIA)
- The Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council
- The Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO)
- San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board overseeing water quality issues in the Bay Area

Community Volunteer Activities:

Served on numerous boards of non-profits and community organizations including: CHAC – the Community Health Awareness Council; Charities Housing; League of Conservation Voters; Carbon Free Mountain View; Housing Trust of Silicon Valley; Avenidas Senior Services; Mountain View Sister Cities Association; Silicon Valley Japanese American Chamber of Commerce; served as Vice Chair of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association and President of the San Jose Taiko Board.