

Marico Sayoc Biography

Marico is a community advocate that has dedicated her career to making positive impacts on social and environmental justice issues. In addition to being the Mayor, she is the Executive Director of CASSY – Counseling and Support Services for Youth, a nonprofit that partners with Bay Area schools to provide resources and professional, on-campus mental health services to students free of charge. CASSY’s mission is to destigmatize mental health services and make supporting students’ social and emotional wellbeing the norm in our local schools.

She enjoys working in the community and learning first hand of the gaps in our safety nets to better advocate and legislate the policies necessary to lift the lives of those in need. Marico was first elected in 2014 and is proud to represent Los Gatos in regional and state policy issues. She was elected by her peers to serve as the President of the League of California Cities, Peninsula Division in 2020 and currently serves as the President of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

Marico began her career working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and spent many years in the environmental field also working for the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Marico holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from U.C. Berkeley and a Masters in Environmental Management from Duke University.