

Our Environment & Addressing Climate Change

Climate change has put our community at increased risk of wildfires, flooding, and sea level rise. We need leaders like Margaret Abe-Koga who can prepare our community for the dangers that climate change poses. Margaret is an environmental leader with policy experience on water quality, air quality, and infrastructure. As Supervisor, she will lead the County's efforts to reduce the pollution that causes climate change and to prepare for its impacts.

Margaret has done extensive work for our environment and to address the impacts of climate change, including:

- ✓ Advanced a Sea Level Rise Action Plan
- ✓ Approved the creation of ten new parks
- ✓ Promoted the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations
- ✓ Supported the establishment of a Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan
- Worked for initial funding for Silicon Valley Clean Energy, still served on the board and as Board Chair twice – the only member to do so
- ✓ As a Director of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, approved a gas appliances replacement ban, tightened regulations on oil refinery pollutant emissions, and implementation of Community Air Protection Programs in disadvantaged communities
- Championed the establishment of Mountain View's Sustainability Task Force and City Council's Sustainability Committee that oversaw the creation of a Sustainability Action Plan
- Championed the creation of an Intercity Community Shuttle Program, the establishment of a Transportation Management Agency, and alternative modes of transportation including a bike share program
- Promoted active transportation by advocating for bike lanes and trails as well as sidewalk improvements and expanded trails for pedestrians
- Led the adoption of a telecommuting policy for city employees to cut down on single occupancy vehicles and improve air quality

Margaret serves on regional boards representing Santa Clara County including:

- ✓ Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- ✓ Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)
- ✓ Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- ✓ Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
- ✓ President of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.
- Appointed by former Governor Jerry Brown to serve on the Regional Water Quality Control Board