

MAK for Supervisor Q&A – for Field Team Oral Responses

1) Why is Margaret running for County Supervisor?

Mountain View City Councilmember Margaret Abe Koga is a working mom and former small business owner. She served on the Santa Clara County Board of Education and, since 2007 on the City Council, where she was the first Asian American woman ever to serve as Mayor. Her experiences as the daughter of immigrants who had no access to affordable healthcare, barrier breaking elected leader, and breast cancer survivor has instilled an unwavering commitment to affordable housing, safe neighborhoods, and responsible fiscal stewardship.

2) Why is she the best choice for County Supervisor?

Margaret led efforts to make Mountain View the first City in the County to enact a minimum wage increase; established the County's Clean Energy Authority; maintained and increased law enforcement staffing; and improved and improved the emergency communications network used to coordinate public safety response. Margaret is running for Supervisor to ensure that every family has access to housing and safe neighborhoods; quality healthcare and mental health services; good-paying jobs; and clean air, water, and open spaces for future generations to enjoy.

3) If elected, what will Margaret's top priorities be?

Safe Neighborhoods: Property crime is on the rise. More of us are victims of smash and grabs, catalytic converter thefts, broken car windows and other robberies. Margaret is endorsed by County Sheriff Bob Jonsen, District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Deputy Sheriffs, and local police officers for her leadership in addressing this uptick in crime and her strong track record to protecting our safety and quality of life.

Small Business Advocacy: As a former small business owner, Margaret is passionate about addressing the needs of small, locally owned businesses. Margaret believes that a thriving small business community contributes to our community character and quality of life. As Supervisor, she'll introduce new initiatives to support small businesses still recovering from the pandemic or navigating today's uncertain economy.

Responsible, Transparent Fiscal Management: Margaret is endorsed by California State Treasurer Fiona Ma for leading Mountain View through the Great Recession and current, skyrocketing inflation. As Supervisor, Margaret will insist on balanced budgets, holding the line on taxes, and maintaining excellent government bond ratings. Margaret will bring strong fiscal discipline and commonsense financial management to the Board of Supervisors.