

Gina Papan Biography

Gina Papan previously served on the City Council in 2005, was re-elected in 2009, 2015 and again in 2020. She has served three terms as Mayor in 2008, 2013 and 2018.

Gina began her professional career as a corporate attorney, but soon moved on to become a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California where she has served the public for close to 25 years, protecting civil rights, investigating, and litigating on behalf of citizens in cases involving fraudulent use of taxpayer money.

In 2019 Gina was appointed to serve as a commissioner representing the twenty cities in San Mateo County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). MTC is the transportation planning, financing, and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. MTC collaborates with a network of other public agencies to help support the streets, roads, highways, transit systems, and other transportation resources that help millions of people get to where they need to be. MTC's focus is on building a stronger transportation system that works for everyone, promotes economic vitality and protects our environment.

Gina was also appointed by the Governor to serve three years as the Deputy Director of a state agency where she managed 150 employees and a \$400 million budget. In this role, Gina served on the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force, the Child Abduction (Amber Alert) Task Force, and a legislative adviser to the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee.

While working on the Council, Gina has continued her commitment to the community. She is a director of John's Closet, which has provided free, new clothing to more than 13,000 underserved children and remains dedicated to a vision of giving youth the confidence to achieve and families the help they need. She is also a Co-Director the John Papan Memorial Scholarship Fund named in honor of her late brother.

Gina grew up in Millbrae and graduated from Capuchino High School. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara where she studied finance and economics. Gina earned her law degree from University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, and later completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government.