

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren



Zoe Lofgren has been a Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives since 1995, representing the 16th District of California which is based in San Jose. A lifelong Bay Area resident, Lofgren earned her BA at Stanford University and her law degree at Santa Clara University. She served for eight years as a staff assistant to Congressman Don Edwards, in both his San Jose and Washington DC offices. As partner at the San Jose firm Webber & Lofgren--where she practiced immigration law--she was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 1980 and served for 14 years. Rep. Lofgren also taught immigration law at University of Santa Clara School of Law from 1977-1980.

In 1994, Edwards decided to retire after 32 years in Congress, and Lofgren won the Democratic nomination for the seat--she was the only freshman Democrat from west of the Rocky Mountains elected that year.

Rep. Lofgren is Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation (CDCD). The delegation consists of the thirty-four Democratic members of the House of Representatives from California. It is the most diverse delegation in the House and outnumbers all other state House delegations.

Rep. Lofgren is married to John Marshall Collins and is the mother of two children.