

## **Kari Birdseye**

**Occupation:** Communications Specialist

### **Education and Qualifications:**

My priorities as your city councilperson will be economic diversification of our tax base, smart infill housing that fits our town and continued access to clean air and water. I will listen, study and work collaboratively and transparently to bring leadership to our city for a sustainable and stable economic future for Benicia. My academic credentials include a Master of Science in Environmental Management from USF and a BA in Journalism from SF State. I was a CNN journalist for eleven years, beginning as an entry-level producer to eventually become an Executive Producer, supervising weekend programming. In 1996, I was part of a team that received an Emmy award for our coverage of the Olympic Park bombing. I have served as Chair of Benicia's Planning Commission for the past five years and have been on the commission since 2016. Before that, I served on Benicia's Human Services Board, and was president of both the Matthew Turner PTA and the Benicia Stingrays swim team. I have been working professionally with non-profit organizations for more than a decade as a communications specialist. My husband James and I have raised Julia and Joey in Benicia and have lived here 22 years. [www.karibirdseyeforbenicia.com](http://www.karibirdseyeforbenicia.com)