

Marcy Masumoto Bio 2023

Marcy Masumoto is driven to positively impact the quality of life for children and families in California's Central Valley. She has been a strong advocate for valley families, students, schools, and rural communities for over 40 years.

As co-owner and managing partner of Masumoto Family Farm, Masumoto has been responsible for diverse responsibilities of the family's 80-acre organic farm. She is actively involved with summer fruit packing, selection of fruit varieties, development of recipes, coordinating events and seasonal fieldwork. She grew up on a family-operated goat dairy and learned how to work hard, cook, bake, and preserve foods at an early age. Over the years, Marcy has cooked with many varieties of peaches and nectarines, perfecting recipes, and preservation methods. A collection of her recipes was published in the book *The Perfect Peach: Recipes and Stories from the Masumoto Family Farm* (Ten Speed Press, June 2013). The farm family was also featured in a 2016 nationally broadcast PBS documentary film "Changing Season on the Masumoto Family Farm."

Off the farm, Marcy has worked in the health and education fields since graduating from college, first starting as a nutrition advisor and advancing through management and leadership positions in public education and healthcare organizations. Her work experience in public education has included every sector from early childhood through medical school. She currently works as a consultant for Fresno State, focusing on community engagement projects. Prior to consulting, she was Project Director with the university's educational leadership institute for ten years coordinating professional development for valley educational leaders.

Masumoto is currently a second-term Trustee on the Fresno County Board of Education. She previously served for six years on the Board of Education for Sanger Unified School District. As a respected leader, she is the region's representative to the CA School Boards Association and CA County Boards of Education where she impacts policy makers at local, state, and national levels.

She holds a bachelor's degree in public health education with a minor in nutrition from Loma Linda University, a master's degree in Community Development from UC Davis, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from UC Davis and CSU Fresno. Her doctoral research focused on leadership practices in high achieving rural high schools.

Mother of two adult children (Nikiko and Korio) and wife of writer/farmer David Mas, Marcy loves living on the farm where she is active in community service as President of her Rotary Club, gardening, and cooking in the kitchen of the family's 100+ year-old farmhouse.