

The Westside Urban Forum Presents
“A Conversation with Katy Young Yaroslavsky: A New Generation Takes Over in Council District 5”

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Panelist

Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky

Councilmember



Katy Yaroslavsky serves as Councilwoman for Los Angeles' Fifth City Council District, representing neighborhoods and communities she has been a part of nearly her entire life. Elected in 2022, CM Yaroslavsky, currently serves as Chair of the City Council's Energy & Environment committee, Vice-Chair of the Ad Hoc Olympics committee, and is a member of the Budget & Finance, Planning & Land Use Management, and Transportation committees. In March 2023, Mayor Karen Bass appointed Councilwoman Yaroslavsky to serve on the LA Metro Board of Directors. Advocating for a sustainable and liveable Los Angeles has been at the center of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky's career. Prior to her election, she served as a senior policy advisor to LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, where she created LA County's first Office of Sustainability, and led the development, negotiation, and adoption by voters of Measure W, one of the largest infrastructure and jobs programs in our region's history. She helped create the Clean Power Alliance — a coalition of thirty-two local cities and counties that serves over 3 million ratepayers and is the largest provider of green power in the nation. Councilwoman Yaroslavsky previously served as General Counsel to the Climate Action Reserve, a leading environmental non-profit focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Councilwoman Yaroslavsky is guided by the belief that the biggest challenges our City is facing — homelessness, generational poverty, racial injustice, climate change, a declining quality of life, and an economy that doesn't work for most Angelenos — are all intersectional. She believes that these issues will only be solved by doing the hard work of building coalitions, fighting for equity in city services, and initiating authentic, inclusive, and thorough community engagement. A graduate of public schools, including UC Berkeley and UCLA Law School, Councilwoman Yaroslavsky currently resides in Mid City with her husband Dave, their three children, and their cats.



Moderator

Warren Olney

Former KCRW Broadcaster

Warren Olney hosted the radio programs “Which Way, LA?” and “To the Point” on KCRW-Santa Monica from 1992 to 2018. He retired last year from the podcast version of “To the Point.” For 20 years prior to that, he reported and anchored on both commercial and public TV. He now teaches a course in Current Affairs at Santa Monica College Emeritus. . He has four children and five grandchildren, and he is married to Marsha Temple, a former attorney at law. She is now Executive Director of the Integrated Recovery Network, a nonprofit helping homeless and formerly incarcerated people find access to housing, healthcare and jobs.
