Caity Maple is a small business owner and Sacramento City Councilmember representing District 5, which includes the South Sacramento communities of Oak Park, City Farms, Carleton Tract, Hollywood Park, Brentwood, Golf Course Terrace, Woodbine, Pollack Ranch, Parkway, and Valley Hi. She has spent her career fighting to bring neighborhood voices to the forefront and advocating for policies that uplift all – not just some.

Councilmember Maple left home at 16 and worked three jobs in order to finish high school and put herself through college. After several years at community college, she transferred to U.C. Davis and earned a B.A. in Psychology. Her first job after college was with the Chief Clerk’s Office for the California State Assembly, where she first saw the impact of public service and learned how legislative action can impact the day-to-day lives of California residents. With this experience, she went on to become a policy expert at California Forward, where she advocated for efficient, effective, and accessible government.

With that experience, Councilmember Maple went on to work in governmental relations and advocate for safe access to legal cannabis, ending animal testing of cosmetic products, and ultimately, serve as Vice President of Government Affairs for Perfect Union, a Sacramento-based cannabis company that was one of the first in the nation to unionize. That work allowed her to travel the state, getting to know local communities and learning from leaders across California’s diverse regions to build regulatory systems, bridge gaps in their local funding mechanisms, and ensure safe access to tested products.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Councilmember Maple co-founded the nonprofit SAC SOUP (Solidarity of Unhoused People), which provides mutual aid to unhoused residents and distributes food, sanitation supplies, and survival gear to those who need it the most. She helped to raise more than $25,000 in donations and grants to help Sacramento’s most vulnerable, including funding from the City, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, and the CEO of GoFundMe.

During her professional career, Councilmember Maple has served in numerous community leadership and appointed positions, including serving as a Vice President of the Oak Park Neighborhood Association, being appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the 52nd Agricultural District, and serving as a founding board member to the organizations WomenUp and the U.C. Davis Capitol Alumni Group. She is also a contributor to the local interest and policy blog Sacramentality.org.

Councilmember Maple resides in Oak Park with her partner, Sam, and their dog, Mina. In her spare time, she loves taking long walks in Sacramento’s beautiful park system, going to Sacramento Kings games (#LightTheBeam), and taking care of her menagerie of plants.