



Marina's Story:

Marina Kats is running for Congress because she believes that politicians in Washington are no longer governing by what is best for our country, but are more concerned with political rhetoric and special interests.

Marina and her family came to America from the Ukraine in 1979 with no money and no understanding of the English language. Her first order of business was to learn as much English as possible as it became clear to her that the keys to success in America were education and hard work.

She started her education at Philadelphia Community College where she learned English and then transferred to Temple University. After graduating, Marina determined that she wanted a profession where she knew she could help people daily. Thus, Marina chose to be an attorney. She graduated from Temple Law School and earned an LLM in Trial Advocacy. All throughout school, Marina held at least two jobs ranging from dental assistant to ice cream scooper to sandwich maker.

After school, Marina worked at a law firm until she realized that she had the ability to start her own firm. Today, Marina owns a successful practice.

Upon starting her law firm, Marina began several successful business ventures ranging from real estate to finance. One venture many are familiar with is her old radio station, 1540 AM, where Jerry Blavat, the Geator with the Heater/the Boss with the Hot Sauce was her program director on the oldies station.



In addition to her business pursuits, Marina is also actively involved with a number of charitable and civic organizations. She is an appointed member of the Board of Trustees of Albert Einstein Hospital Board and the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, and serves as a member of the Einstein Society where she has gained critical experience to understand patients' needs in the healthcare system. Also, she serves on the Physicians' Advisory Board for Einstein Hospital where she interacts with doctors trying to provide the best care for all of us.

Marina is Vice President of Temple University's Presidential Advisory Board and serves on the Temple University School of Law Alumni Board. And as the current President of the Russian-American Chamber of Commerce, Marina conducts regular lectures to its members and the community on various legal and civic issues. She is a Board Member of the HIAS Organization to promote legal immigration assistance.

Marina has lectured at Temple University, the New Jersey State Bar Association and various other schools. She has been honored by the Governor of Pennsylvania as one of the "50 Best Business Women in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," as "Woman of the Year" by the Bucks County YMCA, "Consumer



Advocate of the Year” for three consecutive years, and most recently was selected and featured in *Philadelphia Magazine* as one of Pennsylvania’s “Super Lawyers” in 2004 and 2008 as well as *Real Philly* magazine’s “Woman of the Year.”

As a citizen, Marina believes the politicians in charge of Washington are no longer making decisions based on what makes sense or what is rational. Marina wants to help lead our country back to reasonable, rational government that works for us.

On the issues, Marina will focus on the economy, immigration, healthcare, and the war against terrorists.

Marina believes individuals are best at determining their future, not the government through bloated programs or using the tax code to pick winners and losers in our economy. Marina will fight for a tax system that makes sense and an economy that works for everyone.

Our current tax code encourages people to take advantage of loopholes, and far too often, those who can pay their fair share rarely do. In the short term, Marina wants to free the middle class to grow and re-invest back in America. Down the road, Marina supports efforts to move toward a single rate system that encourages growth and unleashes the economic potential of the middle class and put them back in the driver’s seat of our economy where they belong.

On immigration, Marina has firsthand knowledge of the issue through her own immigration and the legal work performed in her office. Marina strongly supports legal immigration. However, she stalwartly believes in eliminating illegal immigration

as there is no excuse for the wealthiest nation in the world to have no control over our borders. Once our borders are secure, Marina believes we can then determine the best course of action to address those who have entered our country illegally while allowing us to keep our economy moving. She opposes any and all unconditional amnesty efforts.

In regards to healthcare, Congress continues to present bad choices to us. The current leadership intends to create a costly, monopolized system of healthcare. In Congress, Marina will do everything she can to ensure that government bureaucrats are not running healthcare in this country. She believes we can make healthcare more affordable through increased competition and better methods of saving for healthcare expenses.

Like all of us, Marina wants to bring our troops home as soon as possible. But, Marina believes we owe it to our soldiers to ensure that we do not have to send them back a third time to Iraq. We must finish the job we started and stay on offense in the war against terrorism.

Ultimately, Marina came to this country with nothing but a love for freedom and the belief in herself. Today, Marina is an American who has been presented with the opportunity to give back to the country that has given her so much. Marina wants to be your Congressperson to get Washington back to basics. With your support, she knows we can make it happen.

America is a great country and Marina hopes that through public service she can make it even better. That would be very fitting for an immigrant born on July 4th.