

Marlene Rivas was born in El Salvador and lives in up-county Gaithersburg where she now is raising her two daughters. She attended the University of Maryland, College Park where she graduated with a BA in Government and Politics.

Marlene joined Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union with more than thirteen years of experience working at the community banking division providing financial services, teaching financial literacy, and providing banking services for multicultural communities. Her significant experience in the banking industry has allowed her to build lifelong relationships with the local community including government, private businesses and NGO organizations.

She served as a Chief of Staff for Hon. Ana Sol Gutierrez during the 2017 and 2018 legislative session. Marlene understands the needs of our community and through her advocacy work she has been mobilizing the latino vote. She is an active board member for the Montgomery County Latino Democratic Club, Montgomery County Sister Cities Morazan, Direct Support for Immigrants and the National TPS Alliance. She is a community advocate for Montgomery County Latinos and wants to show that Latinos have a voice in the political process.

Marlene plans to continue to advocate for her community. Her objective in the near future is to represent the community where she works and lives. "Montgomery County is one of the best and most vibrant places to live because we embrace our diversity. We celebrate immigrants' contributions and know that we are all capable of achieving the American Dream."