

## **INTRODUCING NATE SAWYER**

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If you attend services at Oceanview Baptist Church, you may have met Nate Sawyer and his wife Rachael afterward.

Nate is working as an organizer in Seaside and Marina for Steve McShane in Steve's campaign for Monterey County Supervisor.

Nate was born and raised in a small town in Alabama. He and his wife met while studying in college at Southwest Baptist University, where Nate received his bachelor's degree in Spanish and Criminal Justice with a concentration in Psychology, and Rachael studied Intercultural Studies and English, while completing a semester abroad in Managua, Nicaragua during her final year.

Nate is getting his master's in International Policy and Development at Middlebury Institute of International studies in Monterey, where he is currently a full-time student concentrating in Human Trafficking, Migration, and Human Security.

That's where he came across Steve McShane.

"Steve's energy and commitment to the community is what drew me to him," Sawyer said. "Steve is interested in the same type of issues that I am – affordable housing, early education for children and creating good-paying jobs that we can raise our families on. When I heard Steve speak passionately about these issues, I knew I wanted to work for him.

Previously, Nate worked as a Direct Care staff member for an all-boys youth home in Brighton MO, where he counseled and created athletic programs for traumatized youth. After graduation, he and his wife were married and moved to Ecuador, where they worked with the US Peace Corps to end child labor in the capital city of Quito as Youth and Family Development Volunteers.

"My wife, Rachel and I have always been active in our community – wherever we have lived. We both believe that we have a responsibility to give back to the community. Right now, I think that the best way to give back to our community is working with Steve McShane. Steve cares about people, his energy is infectious, and Steve gets things done. He's exactly the type of County Supervisor we need in Monterey County.

Nathaniel and Rachael Sawyer relocated to Marina earlier this year. The two have always had a passion for community involvement and service. Shortly after moving to town, Nathaniel and Rachael connected with the DCMP. Rachael is currently training to work as an advocate volunteer with CASA of Monterey County.

"Getting to know the communities of Seaside and Marina and working with people who are so committed to their community has been a great experience for me," Sawyer said. "Working with Steve McShane has given me the chance to meet some wonderful people in Seaside. They believe in Steve, like I do. And they believe that Seaside has a bright future – so much potential."

Nathaniel has already helped to organize several community meetings with Steve in district 4. Last month they co-hosted a meeting at Angelina's Bakery in Seaside with Pastor Ken Murray to discuss issues on homelessness. If you are interested, please join them at their next two meetings in Seaside.

"Seaside & the Environment" a community discussion on sustainability in Seaside will be co-hosted with Seaside resident, Jared Weigand on November 12th 5:30pm-7:00pm. 1745 Havana Street, Seaside.

"Housing & Water in Seaside" a community discussion in Seaside will be co-hosted by Seaside Pastor Ronald Britt and Pastor Eugene Jones on November 21st 5:30pm-7:00pm. Greater Victory Temple, 1620 Broadway Ave, Seaside.

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