Sergio Marchi Minister for International Trade

Sergio Marchi was born in Buenos Aires on May 12, 1956, and moved to Toronto with his family at a young age. He was educated at St. Basil's College and graduated with an honours degree in urban planning and sociology from York University in 1979.

Following graduation, Mr. Marchi became the executive assistant to a member of Parliament. In 1981 he served as special assistant to the Minister of State (Multiculturalism).

Mr. Marchi's political career began in North York, Ontario, where he was elected an alderman in 1982. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1984 and has been the member of Parliament for the Ontario riding of York West ever since.

During his years in Opposition, Mr. Marchi served as critic for immigration, multiculturalism, transport, and labour. He has been a member of the Treasury Board, Social Policy, Economic Development Policy, and Program Review cabinet committees. He currently sits on the Economic Union cabinet committee.

Mr. Marchi was appointed Minister of Citizenship and Immigration in 1993, Minister of the Environment in 1996, and Minister for International Trade in June 1997.

Mr. Marchi and his wife, Laureen, have two children.