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Ken Summers Bio

Ken Summers is a Colorado native, growing up in Englewood. He is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado (B.A. Business Education) and Regis University (Master of Nonprofit Management.)

After beginning his career as a high school business teacher and coach he spent over 25 years in pastoral ministry serving churches, in Strasburg, Colorado; Colby, Kansas and Lakewood, Colorado.

With a focus on community service, Ken served on a special district parks and recreation board, a school board and as a credit union board member and has been involved with a number of nonprofits.

Ken served six years in the Colorado House of Representatives from Jefferson County's House District 22. His experience included serving as the Chair of the House Health and Environment Committee and as a member of the Education, Local Government and Finance Committees.

During his legislative tenure Ken served on several interim and special committees including the Poverty Reduction Task Force, the Colorado Alzheimer's Coordinating Council and the Attorney General's Drug Trend and Response Task Force and the Colorado Health Exchange Legislative Oversight Committee.

He was recognized for his legislative service through many awards including, the Colorado Nonprofit Association Legislator of the year, the "Protector of the Patient" Award by the Colorado Medical Society and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Jefferson County Developmental Disability Resource Center.

For seven years, He served as the Executive Director of Teen Challenge of the Rocky Mountains a faith-based residential drug and alcohol recovery program.

In June of 2013 he moved to Fort Collins and within a month was hospitalized with a life threatening case of West Nile Virus. This resulted in 142 days of hospitalization a major surgery and ongoing recovery. In May 2016 he released a book on his health crisis experience entitled, "The Longest Campaign."

Ken and his wife, Fort Collins native Debbie Kercher were married in Fort Collins in 1976. Debbie is a hospice nurse. They have two adult children and six grandchildren.

Ken was elected to Fort Collins City Council from District 3 on April 4, 2017.