

## **Melanie Potyondy, District 4**

Appointed to fill a vacancy on January 12, 2021, Melanie is the City Councilperson for District 4. She grew up in Grand Junction but relocated to the Front Range to attend CSU in 1998. After earning her bachelor's degree in psychology and spending a gap year working in a local elementary school, she passed the subsequent twelve years hopping around northern Colorado to finish her Ph.D. in school psychology at UNC and to get her husband's and her careers off the ground. She and her family re-settled back in Fort Collins in 2005 and never intend to leave, especially since they are lucky enough to have both sets of grandparents living just a few minutes away.

Melanie is currently a school psychologist in Poudre School District and an active member of the Poudre Education Association (PEA). She has also lent her time and talents to our community and state as a volunteer on the City's Women's Commission, the state board for the Colorado Society of School Psychologists, and a state mental health advisory committee, as well as being a strong proponent of civic engagement through collaboration with local leaders on legislative actions, facilitation of meet-and-greets with elected officials, and engagement in get-out-the-vote activities. In her free time, Melanie enjoys reading, puzzles, walking, biking, patronizing local businesses and restaurants, playing music, and completing DIY projects at home with her husband and two little boys.