

Ross Cunniff
District 5

Ross is the son of a career US Army officer. He was born overseas when his parents were stationed in Germany. Growing up, he lived in many different parts of the United States, but he developed a love for the Rocky Mountain West during visits to his father's family in Colorado.

Ross met his wife, Jill, in Las Cruces, New Mexico. They were married in 1984. In 1985, Ross received two bachelor's degrees from New Mexico State University - one in Mathematics and one in Computer Science. He then got a job at Hewlett-Packard. Ross and Jill decided to come to Fort Collins in 1987 when they were expecting their first child. They have lived in the same house in west Fort Collins since 1988, where they raised their two daughters.

Ross and Jill were very involved in their children's schools. They volunteered in classrooms and served on their site leadership teams. In 1999 Ross was elected to the Poudre School District Board of Education. Ross served two terms on the Board of Education, including three years as its President. He completed his second term in 2007.

Ross and Jill have volunteered at their church and local organizations such as Debut Theatre Company, the Food Bank for Larimer County, and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. Ross served on the Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Board, and was chair of the Fort Collins Energy Board during its inaugural year.

In April 2013, Ross was elected to represent District 5 on the Fort Collins City Council.

Ross is currently employed at NVIDIA, a computer-chip design company, where he is a senior member of the engineering staff. During his career in the computer industry, he has been both a technical leader as well as a senior organizational leader. Ross is listed as inventor or co-inventor on 11 patents.

When he is not spending time with his family, working, or volunteering in the community, Ross enjoys playing the piano, amateur astronomy, photography, bicycling, and tinkering with his home-built electric automobiles.