

Susan Gutowsky
District 1

Susan Gutowsky was appointed on January 15 to represent the residents of District 1, where she has resided since moving to Fort Collins almost 40 years ago. She and her husband, Wayne, have raised two children in Fort Collins. Both attended Poudre School District schools—Riffenburgh, Leshner and Fort Collins High School—and have gone on to enjoy very satisfying careers. They also have two grown grandchildren. The family is proud to call Fort Collins their home.

Susan earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Irvine, including a year of study in Spain at the University of Madrid. She proudly holds a master's degree from Colorado State University and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Rams! She enjoyed a 34-year career as a classroom teacher—26 of those years teaching middle school in Poudre School District. Since retiring, she served two consecutive terms as a Director on the Poudre School District Board of Education.

Over the years, Susan has kept herself busy serving in a variety of volunteer capacities. For several years she was on the Project Smile Board and especially enjoyed volunteering at the dental/vision screenings at Poudre School District schools. She has also dedicated her time to the Larimer Humane Society, working with community outreach and fundraising. For the past ten years, she has worked as a judge for the Larimer County Election Centers. The most exciting thing about this experience has been watching young people and first-time voters exercise their civic right to cast their ballots! She currently serves on the newly-formed executive board of the Museo de Las Tres Colonias. The mission of the Museo is to interpret the early history of the sugar beet industry in Fort Collins and celebrate the rich Hispanic culture in our community. Susan is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Fort Collins.

When Susan has free time, she enjoys a good workout at the club or reading in the shade of one of Fort Collins' beautiful parks. Time with family is also a vital part of her life and she cherishes two special traditions. Every year she and her husband, Wayne, travel to Jackson, Wyoming for her annual birthday whitewater rafting trip down the Snake River. The other is their family trips to Chicago. Ever the avid Rockies fan, Susan indulges them in their support of the Cubbies while wearing her purple and white pin-striped jersey!