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## **Biography**

My family moved to Loveland Colorado in 1970, and I am truly blessed to have enjoyed the City of Loveland, Colorado, and the beautiful Colorado foothills for the past 51 years.

My educational background includes public school in Loveland along with Colorado State University in Fort Collins, the University of Colorado in Boulder, CCD/CU in Denver, and Regis University in Denver. I hold multiple degrees in Radiologic Technology, a B.S. in Computer Networks along with a long list of certifications in computer and network technologies.

My wife Donita and I boast a blended family of seven with 4 spouses and 6 grandchildren to date. In May we enjoyed a pair of college graduations. Our youngest daughter received her MBA from Colorado State and our youngest son received his M.D. from the University of Colorado at Anshuetz, Denver. Proud pales when describing our sentiments.

My business life began at 16. I started and enjoyed businesses in Loveland, including Retail/Wholesale Fireworks (12 stands), sign fabrication and more. Following college in Denver I returned to Loveland and was promptly drafted for the family New Car Dealership and enjoy a 40-year career as a General Motors dealer.

Following my retirement from daily duties in the auto business in 2000, I returned to college at age 44 with Regis University in Denver, where I pursued my life-long love for technology. I received a bachelor's degree in Computer Networks in 2002 and today own and operate Northern Consulting. A small, complete service IT company specializing in small business networks, home automation and audio-visual technologies.

I never enjoyed the honor of serving in the military due to terminally flat feet but nevertheless got drafted into public service by the Loveland business community in 2011. I have served on the Loveland City Council for 10 years now, and thoroughly enjoy it.

My accomplishments with the City of Loveland are included, but I must shine a light on my signature achievement to date.

PULSE, Loveland's municipal fiber network is approaching 50% complete, and well on the way to meeting council mandates of providing high speed fiber broadband to EVERY Loveland resident and business within the next two years. Starting in 2013, a group of three Loveland councilors 'saw the light' and championed PULSE through 5 years of research and political maneuvering to bring Loveland into the fiber age. I alone survived the political grind and was keynote speaker at the dedication.

The next passion that arose in my political life was the National League of Cities. Through involvement in the Information Technology and Communications Advocacy Committee for the last 8 years, I have enjoyed writing policy for Federal advocacy and seeing those policies come to fruition in the Federal landscape. During this year of COVID I have served as Chair of ITC while concurrently serving on the Federal Communications Commission - IAC (Intergovernmental Advisory Committee) on behalf of NLC.

I have also served during 2020-2021 as a member of the NLC Board of Directors which I hope to continue for another two years.

Education has been a life-long pursuit, and as a member of the Fellows Committee with NLC University, I enjoy advising on NLCU present and future offerings. I currently have achieved the Diamond Cum Laude education certification with NLCU.

My community contributions include serving for 23 years as a Leader/Sponsor of Mountain View Presbyterian Church's Sr. High youth fellowship, leading weekly meetings, traveling 40,000+ miles around the U.S. in buses and vans, with hundreds of young people. Next came 10+ years serving with Loveland Rotary Club where I was recruited for the Executive Duck Committee (no typo), working with other volunteers to run the yearly duck race. Dumping 7000+ ducks in the river is a site, but all well worth it when the numbers come in. LRC has raised an average of \$40,000/ year for literacy projects in our school district, and I enjoy catching those ducks in the cool river while others swelter in the August heat.

Loveland is a truly amazing community. Nestled in the foothills, we enjoy great weather with all 4 seasons, beautiful fall colors, followed by graceful blankets of snow.

Loveland is my home and always will be.

I thank all that have contributed to my successes and only hope that when the 'day is done' I have returned more than I have received.....

**"Loveland is not just a City or Community – it is a special way of life, that must be preserved for our children and grandchildren."**

## **Professional Resume (City) –**

NLC-ITC Federal Advocacy Committee – 2014-Current (Chair 2020-2021)  
Federal Communications Commission – Intergovernmental Advisory Committee –  
2020-current

Loveland City Council - 2011-current (Councilor/Mayor Pro-Tem 2017-18)  
Loveland Fire Rescue Authority – 2011-current (Charter Board member/Vice Chair)  
Loveland Communications Advisory Board – 2017-current (Liaison)  
Loveland Downtown Development Authority – 2016-current (Charter Board Member)  
Loveland Cultural Services Committee – 2015-current (Liaison)  
Loveland Construction Advisory Board – 2015-current (Liaison)  
Loveland Historic Preservation Committee – 2011-current (Liaison)

NOCO Regional Tourism Authority – 2017-current (Current Chair)

Loveland Rotary Club – Duck Race Executive Committee – 2013-current